

Melrose Conservation Commission

Minutes for February 4, 2010

Present: Susan Murphy, Richard Doucette, Kate Hickey, Kevin Anderson, Joe Nerden and Steve Locke

New Correspondence:
MACC brochure

Invoices

Aquatic Control bill for hydro-raking at Towners Pond - sign off of bill schedule

Minutes

The minutes for January 21st are still under review.

Other Business (Mr. Nerden excused himself from the discussion being an employee of MassDEP)

Mr. Wantman, a resident of Stoneham, and an abutter to Weiss Farms in Stoneham, came to speak to the Commission about runoff leaving Weiss Farm, heading southeast, to eventually end up in Ell Pond. Mr. Wantman said that In 2006 Weiss Farm created new ditches which diverted runoff to go toward Melrose instead of where it used to go, Buckman Pond, to the west. Mr. Wantman says he is getting flooding on his property as a result of what Weiss Farm is doing on their property. He has notified DEP and they have been involved with issues there in the past. He would like Melrose Conservation to pressure Stoneham to clean out the ditches. Mrs. Murphy said that she will relay the information to the Superintendent of DPW.

Certificate of Compliance

Burnett St, Grove to Granite St. (217-0175)

Pictures were submitted of the area. Mr. Shuman's memo stated that the visual inspection of the upstream manhole of the culvert crossing Burnett St. to the wetland outfall didn't show any major damage, that would result in the pipe needing to be repaired or replaced.

Mr. Nerden moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion, and it was voted: unanimously in favor.

Discussion

Bay State Rd. & Damon St. – Mrs. Murphy advised members that the pipe that DPW replace with an open swale has the neighbors unhappy. They have had so many complaints that they decided to get a peer review to investigate to see if underground piping would be a better idea.

Projects:

- **Flagg Acres parking lot.**
Kathy will talk to Bob Beshara about grading and laying a gravel base in the parking area and about creating a crosswalk from the Flagg Acres parking area to the trails across the street.
- **Having signs made that are durable & easy maintenance.**
Mr. Locke said he would look into areas where signs are needed. Mr. Nerden & Mrs. Murphy will look into sign styles.
- **Pond Maintenance**
The Pond Maintenance plan was phased out over a three year period. The logistics and planning for hydro-raking at Towners Pond could have gone smoother and Kathy was asked to talk with Bob Beshara to see how the next process could be better coordinated.
- **Trail Maps**
Kathy was asked to get prices for printing more trail maps.

Adjourn

Mr. Doucette moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM, seconded by Ms. Hickey, and voted unanimously in favor.

Approved _____ Dated _____