

Melrose Conservation Commission

Minutes for April 1, 2010

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

Absent: Richard Doucette

New Correspondence

- Correspondence from MyRWA sharing news about the North Atlantic grant of up to \$5.5 million for preservation, remediation, improvement, or other development of wetlands within the Mystic River Watershed. Members discussed some ideas for areas, but didn't come to a decision due to complications with grant requirements.
- FY2011 Budget
- Board of Appeal Notices for
34 Maple Road, 11 Conrad Road, 340 Main Street, 51 Melrose Street, 1 Birch Hill Road,
50 Lynn Fells Pkwy

Discussion Items

Mr. Locke advised members that there are tires and an appliance in the wetlands off Penny Rd. Kathy will ask DPW to get it out. Mr. Nerden suggested Mr. Locke contact Mass DEP's strike force for assistance with addressing the on-going problem of dumping.

9 Bow St. Behind Mr. Nguyen's neighbors' houses is a swale that runs down into a catch basin. There is a small mound of earth that is stopping the flow of water off this property to go into that swale and the owner would like to drop the elevation of that mound to allow the flooding in his yard to go into the swale. Prior to Mr. Nguyen buying the house, the neighbors' agreed to a drainage system solution that now exists and may not want Mr. Nguyen, the owner of 9 Bow St., to add any more water into the swale. The prior owner of the land when Mr. Nguyen's house is now opted not to participate in the costs to implement the drainage improvements. Ms. Murphy said she would speak with someone in DPW.

Boardman Ave Atty. Lou Izzi called to request a change in the piping from the little detention area to the big detention area would encroach into the no disturb area. They want to make this change because it limits the location of one of the houses. As this change would result in encroachment into the "no disturb" area. Mrs. Murphy asked Mr. Izzi to discuss the matter further with the engineer to work out a less intrusive solution. The Commission agreed.

Bay State & Damon Ave The flared end to the culvert has been removed and some slope stabilization was done and a temporary grate installed. A headwall will be installed once it's designed. DPW will send a narrative of the change to the plan.

Trails

Joan Bell, Superintendent of Parks, representing the Parks Commission, is willing to have the Golf Management company perform work on trails at the golf course. Members talked about the entrance to First Pond and clearing up the trail head there. Mrs. Murphy suggested having Parks & Rec. pay for someone to map the trails. Mr. Anderson suggested having all the trail systems coordinated with signs and markers. Mr. Locke said that he would be glad to go out and go through the trail at First Pond and mark designated areas on a plan for work to be done. Mr. Nerden suggested getting residents who know the trails together and make a draft map. Several people have spoken publicly in favor of improving the Mt. Hood Trails.

Signs Mr. Nerden shared the information he got from the sign company on materials and pricing information.

Flagg Acres Parking Mr. Nerden shared pricing information from two area stone suppliers for dense graded crushed stone and the availability of recycled concrete and asphalt products. Recycled materials are substantially less expensive than traditional stone products. Kathy will ask for a firm quote from Bob Beshara for materials and labor to do the work at Flagg Acres parking lot.

Adjourn

Mr. Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM, seconded by Mrs. Hickey, and voted unanimously in favor.

Approved _____ Dated _____