



CITY OF MELROSE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Melrose Conservation Commission Minutes for June 5, 2014

Present: Susan Murphy, Richard Doucette, Kevin Anderson, Kate Hickey and Erin Heacock

Absent: Aaron Weieneth

Ms. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Conservation Commission land gift - Pricilla Hook, the owner of a two parcels, G10-0-55 (11,010 s.f.) and G10-0 -56 (11,170 s.f.) was present to answer any questions the Commission might have on her gift of the two parcels to the Commission. These two parcels are adjacent to four other Conservation parcels. The land is located off of East Rock Park, a paper street off of Porter Street. Ms. Hook said that her attorney will take care of any required transfer, recording, or closing costs. Ms. Hook advised members that there is a vernal pool located on one of the parcels and provided a plan showing the location. Ms. Murphy advised her that the Commission will go look at the parcels. A site visit was scheduled for June 12th at 7:30 pm.

Hoover Outdoor Nature Classroom and nature trail – Ms. Hickey met with Florence Lee who is part of the site council at the Hoover School and went over what the Commission would like to do for an outdoor classroom. Ms. Hickey told members that the Principal of the Hoover School is excited about the project but could not be involved in implementing it now. Ms. Heacock said she left a message for Sarah at the Fells and hasn't heard back yet. Ms. Hickey suggested writing up a scope of work and sending it around to member for comments and then a final could be sent out for bids. Ms. Morgan suggested getting in touch with Mass. Audubon and Mr. Doucette said he could get in touch with AMC, the Appalachian Mountain Club. Doing the project in two phases, first the classroom and then later doing a nature trail, was discussed.

Conant Park flooding – Mr. Street submitted a memo dated June 5, 2014, stating what's gone on at the site. The Engineering Division has had meetings with several engineering consultants regarding a long term solution for the flooding. Mr. Street's memo outlined the services that the proposals would cover. He says that the Commission will continue to receive updates and a formal filing, if necessary.

Minutes – **Ms. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of May 1, 2014, seconded by Mr. Anderson; and voted: unanimously in favor.**

Trail Cleanup - Ms. Heacock reviewed the trail cleanup at Flagg Acres. She told members that someone had bagged a lot of trash before they got there. She said she would like to do another trail cleanup in the fall.

Healthy Melrose – Ms. Heacock reported that the fair went well and that the Sustainability and the Healthy Melrose people worked well together. The next meeting of the Sustainability Committee is scheduled for June 24th at City Hall, Mayor's Conference Room.

Environmental Bond Bill – Paul Broder was asked to make a list of projects to have on hand.

Adjourn

Mr. Anderson moved to adjourn at 9:00 pm, seconded by Ms. Heacock, and voted unanimously in favor.

Pursuant to the 'Open Meeting Law, ' G.L. 39, 23B, the approval of these minutes by the Commission constitutes a certification of the date, time and place of the meeting, the members present and absent, and the actions taken at the meeting. Any other description of statements made by any person, or the summary of the discussion of any matter, is included for the purpose of context only, and no certification, express or implied, is made by the Commission as to the completeness or accuracy of such statements.
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