



CITY OF MELROSE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Melrose Conservation Commission Amended Minutes for March 24, 2016

Present: Susan Murphy, Zachary Drench, Kevin Anderson , Aaron Weieneth, Richard Doucette and Kate Hickey

Absent: Michael Paiewonsky

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

Minutes:

Motion by Ms. Murphy to table the minutes from February 11, 2016 to the next meeting. Mr. Doucette seconded the motion and it was voted 6-0 in favor.

Discussion Items:

130 Tremont Street Certificate of Compliance- Peter Ogren from Hayes Engineering was present. Mr. Ogren described the project as being located in bordering land subject to flooding and the finished project, as-built, matches the plans very closely with some slight deviations to the compensatory storage areas. He explained that one of them (compensatory storage areas) had to be relocated slightly to not interfere with a walkway and was also slightly enlarged to compensate/ offset the slight increase in storage. The proposed electrical transformer was relocated to the rear of the building in the parking area. The As-built plans also show some sections of the building to be at slightly lower elevations than depicted in the plans, but overall didn't deviate significantly.

Motion by Mr. Doucette to issue a Certificate of Compliance. Mr. Weieneth seconded the motion and it was voted 6-0 in favor.

53 Dexter Road- The applicant requested a 90 day continuance following the Planning Board decision to deny the project. The applicant will need to re-advertise the continued hearing.

Motion by Ms. Murphy to continue the public hearing to June 2, 2016 meeting. Mr. Doucette seconded the motion and it was voted 6-0 in favor.

Outdoor Classroom- Melrose Conservation staff and commissioner Hickey met at the outdoor classroom site near the Hoover School. A small trail loop with educational trail

signs seems feasible for the location. Feedback from the school has been positive on the existing outdoor classroom and many classes are now using it. The Hoover site council is interested in general stewardship of the area, collaboratively, with the Commission. Some ongoing maintenance issues remain: the Commission needs to determine if the Melrose DPW will need vehicle access to the site or not regarding the new trail and the existing trail and classroom area. Some of the classroom seating stumps have started to rot and need to be replaced. The Commission will provide replacement stumps for the classroom and stone dust for the pathways. Mr. Doucette will look into whether a mixture of linseed oil and turpentine could be used as a sealant for the logs.

Another possible outdoor classroom location could be in Sewall woods for the Roosevelt school, the Melrose Parks Department would have to agree. The Conservation Commission encourages the schools to become stewards of the outdoor classroom areas but would like to still be involved in the overall management of the areas.

Next Meeting:

The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, April 07, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

Adjourn

At 9:00 PM Mr. Anderson moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Weieneth and it was voted 6-0 in favor.

Approved

Date.

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.
