

# MELROSE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**June 18, 2009**

**The Meeting Came to Order at 7:30 p.m.**

## **Draft Meeting Minutes**

Present from the commission were: Kevin Anderson, Kate Hickey, Joseph Nerden and Susan Murphy.

Absent from the commission were: Richard Doucette, Keith Fleming and Steve Locke.

Present from the public was: John Marinelli.

Chairman Murphy announced to the commission that Keith Fleming has said he was thinking about resigning from the commission.

## **INVOICE**

An invoice for secretarial services in the amount of \$97.50 from June 4, 2009 through June 18, 2009.

## **MOTION**

**Commissioner Nerden motioned to approve the minutes with a note that all minutes going forward must be up-do-date, seconded by Commissioner Hickey, voted unanimously.**

## **BUDGET**

The commission encumbered \$300. Chairman Murphy spoke with Keith Gazelle from Aquatic and is waiting to hear back from him. There is \$75 in the Education Line Item, but Chairman Murphy took two courses and has not submitted the expenses yet.

## **PUBLIC HEARING 7 CEDARWOOD LANE--7:40 p.m. DEP #217-0171**

The commission held a site visit on June 15, 2009. The wetlands have not been delineated along the property. Some erosion control has shifted and it did shift the buffer zone and the driveway over a bit. The revised plans are dated June 17, 2009 and were passed around to the commissioners. There is riprap at the end of the pipe and the catch

basins are filled. There has been some discussion with the city about maintaining the catch basins and cleaning them. The lot is not subject to the Order of Conditions for the subdivision but the driveway access is. The riprap was in disrepair, the oil hoods are not installed on the catch basins, and the catch basins need to be cleaned. The 100-foot buffer zone has shifted up a bit. The site looks consistent with the old plan. Chairman Murphy asked if the commissioners had any questions or if there were any members from the public that would like to comment. There were no comments or questions.

## **MOTION**

**Commissioner Anderson motioned to close the public hearing for Seven Cedarwood Lane, Notice of Intent, seconded by Commissioner Nerden, voted unanimously.**

Chairman Murphy asked the commissioners if they had any concerns about the lack of the Certificate of Compliance for the subdivision. Commissioner Nerden expressed his concern about the catch basins and that the catch basins, along with the pipe, need/should be cleaned. It was also suggested that the city does not have to place oil hoods on the catch basins. The commission moved to waive the condition for the oil hoods for the subdivision.

The Special Conditions for the Order are as follows:

1. The commission has the right to enter and inspect the site.
2. The commission would like to meet the contractor. The contractor is Greenwood & Sons.
3. Change the language to Conservation Commission or "designee".
4. Inclusion of the Order of Conditions with plans on the site.
5. Construction sequence
6. Contractor must have a copy of the Order
7. The Order of Conditions will apply to the successor.
8. As-Built Plans comply
9. Six months within the completion of the work, must be submitted.
10. The commission must be notified when done with the siltation, within 48 hours.
11. The silt sacks must be stable.
12. Stockpiles shall be put outside of the buffer zone and the resource area.
13. The soil will be stabilized.
14. If there are any problems, the commission can enforce action.
15. Dewatering may occur for the sewer but not for the foundation. The commission must be notified if dewatering occurs within 48 hours. The commission will inspect and agree.
16. No fuel will be stored in or near the buffer or resource areas.
17. No pesticides will be used.
18. The contact information for the contractor must be provided to the commission.
19. If the applicant switches contractors, the new information must be provided.
20. The commission will be notified ten days prior to construction beginning on the site.
21. If a violation occurs, the applicant must comply.

22. The maintenance of the culverts under the driveway will be done by the owner.
23. Adding all catch basins must be cleaned.
24. The riprap that has sediment must be removed (the outfall of the culvert).

## **MOTION**

**Commissioner Hickey motioned to issue an Order of Conditions, with the above Special Conditions for Seven Cedarwood Lane, seconded by Commissioner Nerden, voted unanimously.**

## **DISCUSSION BELLEVUE GOLF COURSE**

Jack Marinelli was present to discuss the issues at Bellevue Golf Course. The Order is going to expire in August. When the commission met at the property last week, there was silt present. The silt comes in from the Fells. It is sometimes removed but not always. At the on-site meeting, it was said that Bellevue just wanted to keep the stream clean. Maintenance would be done regularly to keep muck and growth out of the stream. There are certainly bottle necks at the golf course. The DCR is putting in curbs with storm drains along the Fells. The golf course would just like to maintain the stream and keep it clean and flowing.

Chairman Murphy stated that if this was done as maintenance, it would involve smaller pieces and smaller equipment. Chairman Murphy inquired as to who did the maintenance before for the city took over. The section between the stone and wooden bridge was done by the MDC about 18 years ago and it needs to be done again. The riprap was put in there to keep it down and it is not working. It is a six-foot wide stream before the bridge and it then goes approximately two-feet wide after the bridge. Commissioner Nerden expressed his concern for the loose riprap and that it is not clearly shown on the plan. Mr. Marinelli stated that the dimensions have been the same and have not changed. Commissioner Nerden stated that there are many signs of erosion which raises concerns about the sediment passing downstream. The riprap will have to be removed in order to clean the stream and then put back in. The riprap goes for approximately 100 feet and then the rest of the stream is all natural. The stream is functioning, and if the stream is made to flow faster, the next part of the stream will be impacted.

The commission agreed that to reconstruct a drainage channel would be a separate Notice of Intent. Kathy is going to call the DEP or the Circuit Rider to get the exact details. The commission suggested that Mr. Marinelli contact Mr. Beshara in writing. The commission agreed that the situation is affected by the city's actions and that the problem is much larger.

Chairman Murphy told Mr. Marinelli that Ward 2 would be before the commission at our next meeting on July 9, 2009, and the commission would encourage someone from Bellevue to come. The commission agreed that technical issues had to be looked at and further discussed. Commissioner Nerden suggested that instead of digging up the stream

functionally that the man-made groomed surface be redefined and that the lined wall be up to the stream bank for flood limits. The stream can be rechannelized through the property and maybe regrading done to the fairway. Chairman Murphy is okay with them cleaning the lined portion of the channel and to file another extension for the lined portion only. The commission needs more information if going to do the other 100 feet. It was agreed that an extension would be filed for the Order of Conditions to do work on the lined portions only.

Mr. Marenelli will have Brian file for the extension. Kathy is going to look into the Wetlands Circuit Rider and try to do some investigation on how to clean a stream with riprap base and cobblestone. Kathy will get in touch with Mr. Marinelli when she finds out some answers.

### **BOARDMAN AVENUE EXTENSION**

Boardman Avenue Extension requested and extension. There will be no quorum on the 16th so it was agreed that the July meeting would be held on July 9th.

#### **MOTION**

**Commissioner Anderson motioned to continue the Boardman Avenue Extension hearing until July 9, 2009 at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Hickey, voted unanimously.**

Kathy will notify the applicant in writing that the meeting has been rescheduled for July 9, 2009 at 7:45 p.m. and not July 16, 2009.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

#### **MOTION**

**Commissioner Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Nerden, voted unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Meredith L. Beauchesne, Secretary