

# **MELROSE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

## **Draft Meeting Minutes**

**July 23, 2009**

**The meeting came to order at 7:30 p.m.**

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

Absent from the Commission were: Steve Locke and Keith Fleming

### **Bellevue Golf Course – Extension 217-0154**

The golf course is exploring their options for opening up and possibly widening the channel up stream from the location where work was previously performed. They are requesting a one year extension on the current Order of Conditions.

Mr. Doucette moved to grant a one year extension, to expire July 9, 2010. Ms. Hickey seconded the motion, voted: unanimously in favor.

### **Boardman Avenue Extension – 217-0171**

The Public Hearing was closed at the last meeting and members reviewed the boiler plate Special Conditions for any additions, deletions or corrections that may pertain to this subdivision. The main issue discussed was the maintenance for the storm water management areas or detention ponds. The applicant had indicated that the city would take over the maintenance of these areas eventually. After speaking with Bob Beshara, the DPW Director, the applicant learned that DPW plans to maintain the catch basins and maintain the roads but the city does not want to maintain the proposed island in the middle of the cul-de-sac or the detention basins. Attorney Izzi said that he doesn't know if there will be a Homeowner's Association, but this would be one reason to create one. The applicant submitted revised plans dated July 14, 2009. The planning board had asked the applicant to save as many mature trees as possible and as a result, a new stone wall replaces the rip rap wall to the left of the entrance. As a way of identifying the easement to the back detention basin, the Conservation Commission requested that permanent ground markers, low lying stones (4" x 4") be cemented in place every 15'-20' along the easement line to Res. P2 detention pond.

Mr. Doucette moved to approve and issue the Order of Conditions for Boardman Avenue Extension, DEP File #217-0171, with the amendments/additions/corrections to the special conditions. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion, voted: unanimously in favor.

## **Bay State Road & Damon Avenue – 217-0173**

The Public Hearing was closed at the last meeting and members reviewed the boiler plate Special Conditions for any additions, deletions or corrections that may pertain to this subdivision.

Mr. Doucette moved to approve and issue the Order of Conditions for Bay State Road and Damon Avenue, DEP #217-0173, with the amendments/additions/corrections to the special conditions. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion, voted: unanimously in favor.

### **Other Business**

#### **Trails:**

Mr. Nerden spoke about looking into the 2009 Recreational Trails Grant to do more extensive trails at Mt. Hood and possibly expanding into cross-country trails and may be eventually using the Parks & Rec. garage to rent out equipment.

Mr. Doucette said he would like to install a small map board at each trailhead, big enough for a map and maybe something next to it. Mr. Anderson suggested sponsorship.

As far as the trail map itself, members would like to have something ready for the Victorian Day Fair in September.

**Members:** Mr. Doucette suggested having Mr. Locke appointed as a full member until new members come on board.

The next meeting will be held, Thursday, September 3, 2009, at 7:30 PM in the Mayor's Conference Room.

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

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