

Melrose Conservation Commission
Minutes for October 15, 2009

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

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

Minutes

Ms. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of July 9, 2009, as edited by her and Mr. Anderson.
Voted: unanimously in favor.

Correspondence:

- Mass. Wildlife News
- Letter to Mr. Hancock confirming the completion date for work outlined in the Enforcement Order.
- Board of Appeal Notices for 59 Glenn St., 23 Mt. Hood Terrace, 454 Franklin St., and 201 W. Emerson St.

Discussion:

Damon Ave & Bay State Rd.

Ms. Murphy advised members that the work has started as outlined in the filing. The pipe and the headwall were removed and work was completed on the swale. The neighbors are unhappy with the open swale and DPW plans to meet and discuss their concerns.

161 Boston Rock Road

Mr. Shippie, the owner, attended the last meeting of the Commission and asked for help dealing with a wet depression in his back yard that he would like to correct and make the yard more useable. There is a wetland to the back of the property, jurisdictional only under the Melrose Wetland Protection Ordinance. Members visited the site prior to tonight's meeting. Ms. Murphy advised members that a concern at 167 Boston Rock Road was previously determined by Bob Beshara, Director of DPW, to be not large enough to be considered an isolated wetland. Members were in agreement to accept a Notice of Intent from Mr. Shippie outlining his proposal with accompanying engineered plans and, subject to confirmation that he will not be flooding his neighbor.

Mr. Shippie will need to:

- 1) Hire an engineer to certify that there will be no flooding to his neighbors; and ask the engineer to look into the long term viability of his plan or an alternate method to achieve his desired result

- 2) Define the depth of digging;
- 3) Delineate the wetlands.

Continued Public Hearing

99 Penny Road (217-0176) driveway & grading for a single family house

Arthur Giangrande and Paul Zanotti were present. At the last meeting, there was a question regarding the abutter notification. The only abutter not present at the last meeting was Mr. Charles Bennett who had just received notification of the hearing. Ms. Murphy reviewed the minutes regarding the Public Hearing from the October 1, 2009, meeting. Mr. Giangrande was not present at the last meeting. The applicant did not submit a revised plan or any other data requested at the previous meeting, but tried to verbally explain the additional information that the Commission had requested of them.

Mr. Giangrande explained that there is an 8" pipe that connects the two drainage systems at the base of Patriot Way. Ms. Murphy expressed that it needs to be shown on the plan. He said that the detention basin on the right should contain a 100 yr. storm. He gave peak discharge figures and explained that post-construction, these figures should increase because of the catch basin. He said their immediate plans are to cut the trees, leaving the stumps, cap the foundation, not disturbing the soil, and finish the house in the Spring. They plan to have construction vehicles access the site from Lot B. Mr. Zanotti said that every night haybales will be placed along the driveway.

The rip rap swale is still filled with stone dust, which Mr. Giangrande said they will correct eventually. Mr. Nerden explained that if the stone dust is not removed, it will fill the voids and the system won't work properly.

Mr. Giangrande said he performed a perc test himself and said water drained 1" in 1 minute, but had no report to back his information. Mr. Giangrande said that he doesn't want to finish the road until the construction equipment is finished coming and going. Mr. Zanotti showed pictures from his camera of the work they have cleaned up at the site. Members asked for a temporary solution to the drainage issues at the site. Mr. Giangrande said they could over pave (skim coat) to the catch basins, but they could also just finish the road. Ms. Murphy said the drainage has to be working and the site needs to be stabilized.

Ralph Moore, 39 Dexter Rd., said that the holding ponds are filled with debris and asked, who is cleaning them? He asked who is going to take care of the area after the developer leaves? Mr. Moore mentioned a previous land taking in the area, and was advised that was not a Conservation issue, but rather Planning. Mr. Nerden stated his concerns for the operation and maintenance of the drainage/stormwater features in the future.

Mr. Anderson moved to accept the applicant's request to continue the Public Hearing to November 5, 2009, at 7:45 PM. The applicant will provide the Commission with additional information as outlined in the attached letter. Ms. Hickey seconded the motion. Voted:

unanimously in favor.

Other business

It was the consensus of the members that a joint RDA, filed by the Conservation Commission and the Parks & Rec. Dept., be submitted for the Hydro-raking at Towners Pond and First Pond; and due to time restraints, a meeting will be held Thursday, October 29th to consider the filing, in order to get the work done this fall.

Adjourn

Mr. Nerden moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Anderson; and voted unanimously in favor.

Approval _____ Dated _____