

MEETING MINUTES

MELROSE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 15, 2007

The meeting came to order at 7:55 p.m.

Present from the Commission were: Kevin Anderson, Susan Craig-Gerson, Richard Doucette and Susan Murphy.

Absent from the Commission were: Mike Cronan, Steve Locke and Matt Pecci.

Invoices

An invoice for secretarial services from Meredith Beauchesne in the amount of \$288.

An invoice from Erin Madden, Conservation Administrator, in the amount of \$152.

Motion

Commissioner Doucette motioned to pay the invoice in the amount of \$288 for secretarial services for Meredith Beauchesne, seconded by Commissioner Craig-Gerson, voted unanimously.

Commissioner Doucette motioned to pay the invoice in the amount of \$152 for Erin Madden, seconded by Commissioner Craig-Gerson, voted unanimously.

Correspondence

MACC Handbook – The Annual Conference is March 3, 2007.

U-MASS Extension – Become a Coverts Cooperator

Middlesex Conservation Tree & Shrub Brochure

MassGIS CD

Proposal from Aquatic Control for Melrose Ponds management for Ell Pond, Towner's Pond and Swains Pond. These treatments are all chemical. They did the initial hydro-racking back in 2000 and have been treating the three ponds every year with the chemical treatments. The estimated bill is \$10,850, and the budgeted line item for this is \$10,325.

Towner's Pond is the Commission's pond and has a lot of vegetation. It is conservation land, as well as Swains Pond. Ell Pond is under the Parks jurisdiction.

The Commission has \$1,000 for tree maintenance and will be level funded for 08. There is enough left to carry over for the \$500 difference for Aquatic Control Technologies. They usually don't spend the full amount but the Commission should just authorize them to reserve \$525 and can encumber it from last year.

Motion

Commissioner Anderson motioned to agree to the proposal in the amount of \$10,850 for Aquatic Control Technologies, seconded Commissioner Craig-Gerson, voted unanimously.

Budget Submittal

The Commission will have level funding for 08. The Commission agreed that the Commission is not in need of a budget increase not but will eventually ask for one. For 08, level funding is fair. Also, the Commission will raise revenue because of the fees that are in the Ordinance. Some of Erin's pay will come out of the Wetland Protection fund. Probably 70% of her work will fall into that category because she will be following up on a lot of permits. It was agreed that from now until June 30, 2007, Erin will be paid out of the professional services budget and then the Commission will see how they want to divide it up.

Motion

Commissioner Craig-Gerson motioned to submit a level funded budget for 08, seconded by Commissioner Doucette, voted unanimously.

Boardman Avenue and Cranmore Lane

At the March 1, 2007 meeting, there will be a hearing for an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation. The owners are planning to delineate the wetlands but haven't submitted any plans for development.

Patriot Way

Commissioner Doucette has the Patriot Way file but hasn't been by the property yet. Commissioner Doucette will try to follow-up on this before the next meeting.

211 W. Emerson Street

There was a fuel spill at 211 W. Emerson Street. They wanted to know if they needed a LSP. Commissioner Murphy is going to call Public Works and will have them follow-up on this.

Dana Street

The public hearing has been continued again until February 26, 2007. The Planning Board accepted the draft. No comments have been made to our first letter back on August 24, 2006 and that has been added to the list. The conversations on the roadway design are still continuing.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Motion

Commissioner Craig-Gerson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Cronan, voted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meredith L. Beauchesne, Secretary