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Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2018
Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Conference Room 4th Floor
17 Pleasant St.
Malden City Hall, Malden, MA

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
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Attending:

Commissioner Peter Santangelo
Commissioner George Laskey
Commissioner Roberto DiMarco
Commissioner Kenny Mazonson
Clerk Gary Stead

Minutes:

7:00 pm Peter Santangelo called the meeting to order, member attendance as above. Agenda referred to, first item taken under consideration: Request for Determination of Applicability, Filed by City of Malden. Roadway improvements partially within a Flood Hazard Zone. The site is located at the intersection of Lawrence Street and Lynn Street, Malden, MA. Gary Stead of Malden Engineering presented the information regarding the project. Gary stated there are no wetlands within 100'. George Laskey asked the status of the contract, who was the contractor. Gary replied it had not yet gone out to bid, that was anticipated to be in the beginning of March, the contractor would be known at that time. Kenny asked if catch basins would be in the work area, and if so would they be protected. Roberto suggested a Negative Determination, box 3 checked, condition silt protection at catch basins. After a brief discussion a motion was made to issue a Negative Determination, vote called, all were in favor, passed unanimously.

The Commission then discussed the Malden DPW site, located at 356 Commercial Street Malden, MA with Director Robert Knox. Bob provided a brief description of the activities that take place at the DPW yard. He stated that he is budgeted \$100,000 per fiscal year for yard clean up, this year he received another \$200,000. So far this fiscal year he has spent \$250,000 hauling the collected stock piles of street sweeping, asphalt, etc. out of the yard. Roberto discussed that at an earlier time the salt storage pile was closer to the river. Bob confirmed and mentioned the salt pile was moved closer to Commercial St. at that time. Roberto then mentioned that previously, abandoned vehicles had been stored in the yard. Bob confirmed that at that time they were moved out of the yard. He also said that since then more abandoned vehicles are there. He has been and will continue to get these moved out of the yard. Roberto and others ask about the covering of the salt pile. Bob said that he and Jack Russell were working to have a salt shed constructed. This project did not go out to bid, he was hoping it could be reconsidered. Gary mentioned that the new MS4 permit which will be in effect in the near future could have additional requirements on the maintenance of the DPW yard. Bob said that he would install a silt fence between the yard and the river bank. Further discussion mentioned that a landscaped strip of land between yard and the river bank, Roberto asked perhaps a walking path. Bob then mentioned the land was owned by the MRA, that question would need to be presented to them. Roberto concluded by asking Bob to create a list of items and actions that would be beneficial to the condition of the yard.

Following this discussion Commissioner Roberto DiMarco presented an update on his work with the Community Preservation Committee. Roberto represents the Conservation Commission. He said the CPC has been meeting approx. two to four times per month since this Committee started in February 2017. Roberto stated that their efforts have been focused on establishing the framework of this commission; the rules and procedures. The nature of projects that qualify was described. They have had neighborhood meetings, and attended meetings with other cities. In the approx. a month they will have an application and instructions prepared and be ready to accept applications. Roberto further discussed the qualifications and criteria a proposed project would need to meet. Roberto said the approx. amount of annual funding, approx. \$700,00 per year. This receives about an 11% match from the state. Roberto described the selection of projects; the CPA reviews applications, creates a recommendation and submits it to the Mayor he then submits it to the City Council for approval.

Following this discussion Gary gave an update on the status of the Conservation Commission membership. The council raised a question on the number of members established by the city. The conclusion was that it is 5 members. This delayed the consideration of a new member Brian Creamer. The City Council was hearing a paper to establish the Conservation Commission as a 7 member Commission and the appointment of Brian Creamer. This was on the agenda for this night's City Council meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting. All commissioners voted in favor, unanimous, meeting closed.