



CITY OF MELROSE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Melrose Conservation Commission Minutes for March 21, 2024

Present: Michael Paiewonsky, Paul Moore, Charles McCabe, Jason Jancaitis Emily Anderson, Forrest Tiedeman, Craig Molway
Absent:, Associate members Dorian Rose and Sydney Hy
Staff present: None

Mr. Paiewonsky opened the remote public meeting at 7:30pm. All members participated in person.

Public Comment: None

Minutes

Meeting minutes for the February 15, 2024 meeting reviewed. Motion made by Paul Moore and seconded by Forrest Tiedeman. Vote to approve: 7-0-0.

Notice of Intent Hearing – 14 Martin Street:

Owner's representative (contractor) Nick Hall and owner Maryellen Fitzgibbon were present. Nick made a short presentation on the project to replace an existing 10 X 18 foot garage with a slightly larger 14 X24 foot garage. Will continue to be slab on grade construction, he showed the drainage controls proposed and answered a few questions from commission members. Nick Hall provided the mail receipts for the abutter notifications to the Chair. Both Chair Paiewonsky and Vice Chair Moore went to a site visit prior to the meeting. Paul Moore made a motion, seconded by Jason Jancaitis to approve a standard order of conditions for the project. Vote to approve: 7-0-0.

Prefiling Presentation – Bellevue Country Club:

Bellevue Country Club Drainage Channel – presentation by Brian Skinner of BBC. Brian Skinner, Golf Course Superintendent of the Bellevue Country Club introduced himself and his peer, Jeffrey Monteleone, PGA Director of Golf. Brian detailed a request from the Melrose Department of Works to remove silt and debris from a 200 foot section of an urbanized creek that runs through a portion of the property to reduce the impact of flooding in a neighborhood that is connected by an underground culvert across the Fellsway.

Brian explained that the last time this was done was in 2006 and the club received permission from the Melrose Conservation Commission at that time. Commission

members Paiewonsky, Moore, and McCabe attended a site visit to meet with Brian and review the site conditions prior to the meeting.

After some questions related to the timing (Mr. Skinner mentioned that there was no time crunch (they would perform the work next winter), what notification of members is required (Member Anderson confirmed it is within 100 feet of the project site), and some discussion between commission members, Chair Paiewonsky reiterated to Mr. Skinner that in order to comply with state and city regulations that a formal, single plan with all of the details (such as elevation, limits of activity, storage site from removed material, erosion controls, etc.) must be submitted to the commission before the members could determine any additional requirements and formally vote to issue an order of conditions.

Administrative Updates:

1. Office Elections: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer. The commission voted to approve Michael Paiewonsky, Paul Moore (vice-chair), and Forrest Tiedeman (Treasurer) for 2024. Vote to approve: 7-0-0.
2. Ethics Training for 2024. Michael reminded everyone to check and make sure they have completed ethics training for 2024.
3. New Agent update. The agent position is posted and Michael Paiewonsky had not received any updates, noting that there are no benefits with this positions. Several members mentioned that they have promoted the position to their network. Michael Paiewonsky also noted that Wakefield is looking for a similar position at a higher salary. Several members suggested that if no action were taken, proposing to City staff that they combine the two positions, much like the current public health position.
4. New and other items not reasonably anticipated at the time of posting. Michael Paiewonsky mentioned that he is looking to set up a scholarship at Melrose High School in memory of Eric in the next year (the deadline for this year has already passed.) He'll notify us when it is done and anyone should be feel free to contribute if interested.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 16, 2024 at 7:30 PM (the April 11, 2024 meeting was canceled).

Motion by Mr. Paiewonsky to adjourn. Mr. Tiedeman seconded the motion and it was voted 7-0 in favor.

Adjourn

8:15 PM adjourn

Michael Paiewonsky
Approved

5/16/2024

Date.

Pursuant to the 'Open Meeting Law, ' G.L. 39, 23B, the approval of these minutes by the Commission constitutes a certification of the date, time and place of the meeting, the members present and absent, and the actions taken at the meeting. Any other description of statements made by any person, or the summary of the discussion of any matter, is

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