



CITY OF MELROSE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Melrose Conservation Commission Minutes for June 20, 2024

Present: Michael Paiewonsky, Paul Moore, Forrest Tiedeman, Jason Jancaitis, and Emily Anderson. Associate member Dorian Rose was also present.

Absent: Charles McCabe and Craig Molway.

Staff present: None

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

Public Comment: None.

Motion made by Mr. Paiewonsky to approve the May 16, 2024 minutes, as written, seconded by Mr. Tiedeman. Vote to approve: 5-0.

Request for Determination of Applicability – 130 Penney Road:

Mr. and Mrs. Quinlan, the property owners, were present. They submitted a Request for Determination of Applicability to replace and enlarge an existing deck within a buffer zone. They stated that a concrete patio, gravel patio and fire pit which had been encroaching on adjacent conservation land, had been removed. The proposed deck will be >50 ft from wetlands.

Motion made by Chairman Paiewonsky to issue a Negative 3 Determination of Applicability, seconded by Mr. Tiedeman. Vote to approve: 5-0.

Request for Determination of Applicability – Ell Pond Fountain:

Joan Bell of the Parks Department was present. Ms. Bell reported that the existing electrical box on site has an extra electrical conduit running to the sluiceway gate so there would be no impact to the bank or BVW to supply power. The proposed new light fixture would be attached to an existing electrical connection and therefore no digging or trenching would be required.

Motion made by Chairman Paiewonsky to issue a Negative 2 Determination of Applicability, seconded by Mr. Tiedeman. Vote to approve: 5-0.

Request for Extension of Order of Conditions – 17 Burnett Street:

Nicole Ferrara of LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc. was present to represent the homeowners who are seeking a 3-year extension of the OOC to complete invasive species management and re-vegetation of an Isolated Vegetated Wetland and stormwater overflow connection. Per § 231-8 of the Wetland Bylaw, a permit may be renewed once for an additional one-year period.

Motion made by Chairman Paiewonsky to grant a 1-year extension of the OOC, seconded by Mr. Tiedeman. Vote to approve: 5-0.

Discussion:

Members discussed the upcoming harvesting of water chestnuts in Ell Pond by SOLitude lake Management as well as other pond maintenance work.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 18, 2024 at 7:30 PM.

Motion by Chairman Paiewonsky to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tiedeman. Vote to approve: 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned.

Michael Paiewonsky
Approved

August 15, 2024
Date.

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