



CITY OF MELROSE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Melrose Conservation Commission Minutes for December 03, 2015

Present: Susan Murphy, Zachary Drench, Michael Paiewonsky and Richard Doucette

Absent: Kevin Anderson, Kate Hickey and Aaron Weieneth

Mr. Doucette was the acting chair and called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Drench to approve the minutes from October 15, 2015. Ms. Murphy seconded the motion and it was voted 4-0 in favor.

Public Hearing:

NOI 217-0195 401 Porter Street

Mr. Doucette read the advertisement for 401 Porter Street. Peter DiRaffaele owner of 401 Porter Street was present. Mr. DiRaffaele intends to construct a 10' X 12' addition to the rear of the property and some minor associated repairs to the existing dwelling. The addition will be constructed on Sono tube footings and all soil removed for the footings will be spread out on the front lawn to level it. The applicant didn't have the proof of mailing cards with him but will email over a photo of the postage receipt to staff.

Motion by Mr. Doucette to close the public hearing for 401 Porter Street and issue an Order of Conditions with standard special conditions pending receipt of proof of mailing, seconded by Ms. Murphy and it was voted 4-0 in favor.

Discussion Items:

Community Garden-

The Commission believes that this will be a large commitment of land from the Commission and is not interested in contributing funding for the creation or maintenance of the garden plots area. The Commission would like to know how much of a demand there is for new garden plots in this specific area. Staff will request information at next community garden meeting regarding number of applicants on waiting list at Winthrop school community garden and time of its last update. The Commission agrees that the existing kiosk sign is too large and empty at the moment and is open to its relocation.

Mill Road-
No new update

Conservation Commission land Rules and Regulations-

The Commission reviewed a draft listing of rules and regulations that was prepared by the Chairwoman. Several edits were suggested by members and a public hearing will be held during the winter to discuss and vote on adopting the new rules and regulations for conservation lands in Melrose. The new rules and regulations could possibly be posted on the backs of the existing conservation land signs. Staff will measure one of them to find out if possible. A copy of the draft rules and regulations will be shared with the parks department at their January meeting to see if they have anything similar and a legal advertisement will be run and a public hearing will be held at a future meeting in January or February.

Next Meeting:

The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

Adjourn

At 8:15 PM Mr. Drench moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Doucette and it was voted 4-0 in favor.

Approved

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 included for the purpose of context only, and no certification, express or implied, is made by the Commission as to the completeness or accuracy of such statements.
