



CITY OF MELROSE
PROTECTION AND LICENSE COMMITTEE
AGENDA • AUGUST 4, 2022

Council Chamber, First Floor, Melrose City Hall Committee Meeting
562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

7:10 PM

The public should take notice that the Melrose City Council may, on certain occasions, have a quorum in attendance due to standing committees of the City Council consisting of both voting and non-voting members. Members attending this duly posted meeting are participating and deliberating only in conjunction with the business of the standing committee.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mark Garipay	Chair
Robb Stewart	Vice Chair
Shawn M. MacMaster	
Jack Eccles	
Maya Jamaledine	
Christopher Cinella	President, ex officio

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Remote Link for Public Comment:

<https://zoom.us/j/99674150439?pwd=dnNMZ0Q4Sk1vUDc2YThsVThjSVJJCQT09>

III. ORDERS

1. **ORDER-2023-1** : Appointment of Benjamin Rosenberg, 76 Ardsmoor Road, as a Regular Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to fill the unexpired term of David Roache, whose term shall expire on the last day of February 2023.

Offered by: Mayor Paul Brodeur

Sponsored by: City Planner Denise Gaffey

From: City Council

ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE

2. **ORDER-2023-2** : Appointment of Michael Aveni, 16 Hillside Ave, to the Planning Board to fill the term of Robert Mercado which expired in February 2022. Mr. Aveni's term shall expire on the last day of February 2027.

Offered by: Mayor Paul Brodeur

Sponsored by: City Planner Denise Gaffey

From: City Council

ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE

3. **ORDER-2023-3** : Re-appointment of Bryan Thorp, 77 Wentworth Road, to a five-year term as a Regular Member on the Zoning Board of Appeals; said term to expire the last day of February 2026.

Offered by: Mayor Paul Brodeur

Sponsored by: City Planner Denise Gaffey

From: City Council

ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE

4. **ORDER-2023-4** : Re-appointment of Megan Carriere, 36 Larrabee Street, to a two-year term as an Associate Member on the Zoning Board of Appeals ; said term to expire on the last day of February 2024.

Offered by: Mayor Paul Brodeur

Sponsored by: City Planner Denise Gaffey

From: City Council

ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE

IV. ADJOURNMENT



PAUL BRODEUR
Mayor

CITY OF MELROSE

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

City Hall, 562 Main Street
Melrose, Massachusetts 02176
Telephone - (781) 979-4440
Fax - (781) 662-2182

To: Melrose City Council
From: Mayor Paul Brodeur
Re: Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment
Date: Monday, July 12, 2022

I respectfully request the Honorable City Council confirm the appointment of Benjamin Rosenberg, 76 Ardsmoor Road, as a Regular Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to fill the unexpired term of David Roache, whose term shall expire on the last day of February 2023. Mr. Rosenberg's appointment also satisfies the Engineering role on the board currently filled by Roache.

With nearly 20 years of structural engineering experience and extremely impressive qualifications, Rosenberg has shown a commitment to being a sensible leader in his field. He has a proven track record of managing teams on large-scale projects for esteemed universities, museums, and other notable structures, all the while cultivating positive relations with both employees and the public — often serving as mediator during difficult conversations. His practical leadership and strong qualifications would add immense value to the Melrose ZBA.

Thank you for your consideration and support for Benjamin Rosenberg's appointment to the ZBA.

Benjamin Rosenberg, PE, LEED AP
76 Ardsmoor Road
Melrose, MA 02176
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

6/27/2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I write to express my interest in serving as a Full Member on the City of Melrose Zoning Board of Appeals. As a licensed and practicing structural engineer, a teacher, and a Melrose resident, I look forward to bringing my professional experience to bear in support of the ZBA's mission. I would also consider the position of Associate Member should the Full Member position be otherwise filled.

During my seventeen years at Silman, I have worked as both the lead technical designer and the project manager on a wide variety of project types and sizes, ranging from single- and multi-family residential to commercial to institutional work. Leading teams of up to six people internally and being the primary coordinator with the architect and broader project teams, I enjoy the creativity and communication necessary throughout the design and construction process. On projects ranging from the ongoing repairs at Harvard Stadium to the MIT Met Warehouse development for the School of Architecture + Planning to commercial fit-outs in Cambridge and Malden, I have supported each stage of the project's structural, architectural, and owner-driven requirements. As a Principal and Sector Manager, I am engaged on aspects of firm-wide management that require the ability to ask critical questions in our initiatives and decision-making process and then to message to a broad swath of employees. This sometimes involves difficult conversations and I have worked hard to cultivate the ability to bridge disparate views in search of resolution. Our firm's founder, Bob Silman, imbued our firm with a deep sense of the importance of serving society through our contributions to the built environment. Serving on the ZBA will allow me to engage with the City of Melrose in support of this mission.

As a lecturer in the Architecture Department at the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) for the past five semesters, I have been able to engage architecture students in the field of structures by building on my own experience, including through the use of numerous case studies. Developing the curriculum allows me to present structural material as integral to the broader design industry, as indeed structures must be considered with architecture, zoning, code, and other disciplines in order to properly support a project.

My family and I have developed a wonderful sense of belonging since moving to Melrose last July, and I look forward to engaging with the City to deepen our community roots. I am happy to provide additional information as needed.

Sincerely,



Benjamin Rosenberg, PE, LEED AP

Benjamin Rosenberg, PE, LEED AP

76 Ardsmoor Road, Melrose, MA 02176

Structural engineer with 17 years of experience designing and leading projects of various types and sizes. Experienced in managing staff and clients, business development and marketing, and representing the firm in the industry. Leader in office- and firm-wide staffing, financial, and technical processes. Seeking a position as a Full Member of the Melrose ZBA.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SILMAN

Principal and Sector Manager

Boston, MA

June 2006–Present

- Design and manage new construction and renovation projects, including single- and multi-family residential, higher education, historic preservation, commercial, and government work.
- Coordinate with clients throughout the design and construction process.
- Oversee technical and financial performance of Buildings staff in the Northeast.
- Support Boston office and firm-wide staffing, recruiting, mentoring, and technical development.
- Lead liaison between finance/accounting department and technical engineering staff, responsible for development and implementation of firm-wide financial project management processes.
- **Selected projects: The Restoration of the Robert Gould Shaw and 54th Regiment Memorial, Boston, MA:** Comprehensive restoration and seismic retrofit of existing Memorial. **King Boston Memorial, Boston, MA:** Foundation and landscape structural design. **Granoff Center, Brown University, Providence, RI:** Four-story performing and creative arts building. **National Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington DC:** 665,000 square foot Smithsonian Museum, including structural design and exhibit support. **200 Exchange Street, Malden, MA:** Renovation and tenant fit out of existing four-story office building converting to life science use. **2Life Communities PACE Center, Lynn, MA:** New 150-unit residence and living community for adults 62+. **Various Private Residences, Northeast:** Single-family residences including standalone structures and townhouses, including homes in Boston, Cambridge, Barnstable, Milton, Kennebunk (ME), Amagansett (NY), Water Mill (NY), etc.

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN (RISD)

Lecturer

Providence, RI

February 2020–Present

- Teach one Structures course per semester in the Architecture Department, including curriculum development: Steel Structures in the fall and Concrete Structures in the spring.
- Work closely with 90-100 students to provide academic support and ensure comprehension of structural material in support of students' pursuit of degrees in architecture.
- Co-lead structural workshops throughout the semester to practice and demonstrate class material in hands-on experiments, including a concrete casting project each spring.

EDUCATION

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Structures Focus

Princeton, NJ

May 2004

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

- Professional Engineer: MA, RI, NY, RI, WA, NE
- LEED Accredited Professional



PAUL BRODEUR
Mayor

CITY OF MELROSE

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

City Hall, 562 Main Street
Melrose, Massachusetts 02176
Telephone - (781) 979-4440
Fax - (781) 662-2182

To: Melrose City Council
From: Mayor Paul Brodeur
Re: Planning Board Appointment
Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2022

I respectfully request the Honorable City Council confirm the appointment of Michael Aveni, 16 Hillside Ave, to the Planning Board to fill the term of Robert Mercado which expired in February 2022. Mr. Aveni's term shall expire on the last day of February 2027.

A Melrose resident for since 1998, Aveni has outstanding qualifications and nearly 40 years of planning, architectural, engineering, and construction experience. Here are a few highlights from his candidacy:

- Many years of experience overseeing the production of permit and construction documents
- Vast experience in an architectural civil engineering firm
- Working knowledge of grading and topography, stormwater management, and environmental considerations
- Intimate knowledge of local zoning and legal and procedural functions of permit granting authorities
- Experience producing working drawings for small to medium sized retail projects and educational facilities, building code review, project, coordinating with consultants; architectural site surveys, and extensive construction administration.

For these qualifications and more, including his immense experience working with municipal, state, and federal agencies, it is my strong recommendation that Aveni be appointed to the Planning Board.

Thank you for your consideration and support for Michael Aveni's appointment to the Planning Board.

To Whom It May Concern,

I write today to express my interest in Full Member position on the Melrose Planning Board.

I am a Registered Architect (MA Architect Lic. No. 31349) and have been a Melrose resident for since 1998. While I have 37 years' experience in the architectural / engineering / construction industry, it is in the past 26 that I have been employed at Cummings Properties (Cummings) where I have acquired skills and experiences that make me a qualified candidate for a position on the Planning Board. Cummings is a real estate management / development firm, based in Woburn, with 10 million square feet of mixed-use commercial property in 11 communities in eastern Massachusetts.

In my role at Cummings as Senior Architect, I am responsible for overseeing the production of all permit and construction documents, from small tenant fit-ups to out of the ground construction projects. As the architect, I am responsible for construction administration as well. My past working experience in an architectural / civil engineering firm enabled me to expand in a similar role at Cummings. My working knowledge of grading and topography, stormwater management, and environmental considerations has put me in a position to schematically design each civil engineering project before handing it off to our consultants. Additionally, I am also responsible for the entitlement of all of new development projects, including securing all local, state, and federal permits. In that role, I am responsible for the preparation of all the required entitlement documents. It is this intimate knowledge of each project, coupled with my familiarity with local zoning and my understanding of the legal and procedural functions of each permit granting authority that allows me to take the lead role in presenting projects to local Planning Boards, Zoning Boards, and Conservation Commissions.

It is this vast experience gained working with various municipal, state, and federal agencies from a developer's perspective that I believe could be an asset to any municipal board or commission.

My resume is attached. Please contact me with any questions.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Michael A. Aveni
16 Hillside Ave

Attachment: Michael Aveni resume_Redacted (ORDER-2023-2 : Appointment of Michael Aveni to the Planning Board)

To Whom It May Concern,

I write today to express my interest in Full Member position on the Melrose Planning Board.

I am a Registered Architect (MA Architect Lic. No. 31349) and have been a Melrose resident for since 1998. While I have 37 years' experience in the architectural / engineering / construction industry, it is in the past 26 that I have been employed at Cummings Properties (Cummings) where I have acquired skills and experiences that make me a qualified candidate for a position on the Planning Board. Cummings is a real estate management / development firm, based in Woburn, with 10 million square feet of mixed-use commercial property in 11 communities in eastern Massachusetts.

In my role at Cummings as Senior Architect, I am responsible for overseeing the production of all permit and construction documents, from small tenant fit-ups to out of the ground construction projects. As the architect, I am responsible for construction administration as well. My past working experience in an architectural / civil engineering firm enabled me to expand in a similar role at Cummings. My working knowledge of grading and topography, stormwater management, and environmental considerations has put me in a position to schematically design each civil engineering project before handing it off to our consultants. Additionally, I am also responsible for the entitlement of all of new development projects, including securing all local, state, and federal permits. In that role, I am responsible for the preparation of all the required entitlement documents. It is this intimate knowledge of each project, coupled with my familiarity with local zoning and my understanding of the legal and procedural functions of each permit granting authority that allows me to take the lead role in presenting projects to local Planning Boards, Zoning Boards, and Conservation Commissions.

It is this vast experience gained working with various municipal, state, and federal agencies from a developer's perspective that I believe could be an asset to any municipal board or commission.

My resume is attached. Please contact me with any questions.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Michael A. Aveni
16 Hillside Ave

Attachment: Michael_Aveni_LOI_Redacted (ORDER-2023-2 : Appointment of Michael Aveni to the Planning Board)

June 22, 2022

Paul Brodeur, Mayor
Office of Mayor Brodeur
Melrose City Hall
562 Main Street
Melrose, MA 02176

Re: Melrose Zoning Board of Appeals membership

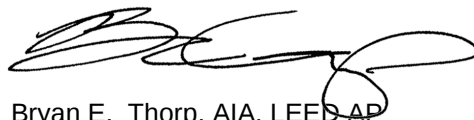
Dear Paul,

I am writing to confirm that I am interestesd in continuing my position as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

As a resident for over 30 years I have seen much change and grow in the city and over the past 10+ years as a ZBA member, I have participated with a group of dedicated staff and volunteers to assure the Melrose retains the character and quality of life we have all come to expect.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to continue to offer my services to the City

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan E. Thorp', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bryan E. Thorp, AIA, LEED AP



Bryan Thorp AIA, LEED AP® BD+C

EXECUTIVE PROJECT MANAGER | ARC

Bryan Thorp has over 30 years of experience specializing in science facilities for a variety of academic and corporate clients. He has successfully managed many of ARC's large-scale, complex, and award-winning science and research projects. Bryan is experienced in all project phases from the initial site and master planning, consultant coordination, specifications preparation through construction administration management. Bryan is a LEED Accredited Professional and is actively involved in ARC's in-house Sustainable Design Working Group, staying abreast with the industry's latest trends and requirements.

Education

Bachelor of Architecture,
University of Minnesota

Bachelor of Science
in Housing Studies,
University of Minnesota

Registration

Registered Architect: MA

Years of Experience

35 years

Tenure with Firm

31 years

RELEVANT PROJECTS

**University of Massachusetts
Medical School, Albert Sherman
Center & Vivarium+**

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

**Dana-Farber Cancer Institute,
Level B1 Core Facilities / 8th
Floor Lab Fit-Out / Cancer
Research Laboratory Fit-Out at
Longwood Center / 6th Floor
Fit-Out+**

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

**University of Massachusetts,
Amherst, Life Sciences
Laboratories II Fit-Out+**

AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS

**Tufts University, School of
Dental Medicine, Master
Plan / Vertical Expansion**

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

**UConn Health, Clinic Building
Renovation**

FARMINGTON, CONNECTICUT

**Harvard Medical School, New
Research Building & Vivarium**

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

**Worcester State University,
Wellness Center / May Street
Study / Health Center Feasibility
Study**

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

**Bristol-Myers Squibb,
100 Binney Street**

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

**University of New Hampshire,
Integrated Biological Life
Sciences Project**

DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Massachusetts Eye & Ear
Infirmary, Vandenberghe Lab
Renovations / SPEL Lab**

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

**Tufts University School of
Medicine, Jaharis Family Center
for Biomedical & Nutrition
Sciences**

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

**Sanofi Genzyme, Science
Center / Biopharmaceutical,
Manufacturing Plant /
Laboratory and
Office Renovations**

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS, MASSACHUSETTS

**University of Massachusetts
Lowell, Campus Recreation
Center**

LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS

**Center for Blood Research,
Master Plan Study**

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

**AbbVie, Laboratories Expansion
Study**

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS



PAUL BRODEUR
Mayor

CITY OF MELROSE

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

City Hall, 562 Main Street
Melrose, Massachusetts 02176
Telephone - (781) 979-4440
Fax - (781) 662-2182

To: Melrose City Council
From: Mayor Paul Brodeur
Re: Zoning Board of Appeals Re-Appointments
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022

I respectfully request the Honorable City Council confirm the re-appointment of the following City of Melrose Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) members:

- Megan Carriere, 36 Larrabee Street, to a two-year term as an Associate Member; said term to expire on the last day of February 2024.
- Bryan Thorpe, 77 Wentworth Road, to a five-year term as a Regular Member; said term to expire the last day of February 2026.

Bryan Thorpe is a registered Massachusetts Architect and a Melrose resident for more than 30 years and has served on the ZBA for over a decade. During this time, he has worked seamlessly alongside both City staff and other ZBA volunteers to ensure Melrose continues to provide its residents with the quality of life they deserve through seeing that Melrose maintains its structural character and integrity.

Since joining the ZBA in February 2022, Carriere, an architect in Boston and Cambridge for more than a decade, has been passionate about engaging with the Melrose community in her capacity as an associate member. Her experience, skills and knowledge, in addition to her passion to ensure Melrose continues to value diversity, safety, and positive change, continue to make a positive impact on the ZBA and Melrose.

Thank you for your consideration and support for these reappointments.

36 Larrabee Street, Melrose, MA 02176

certification

Registered Architect
MA License #50560 | 08.2013

NCARB Certificate | 05.2014

CSI CDT | 05.2012

education

Syracuse University
School of Architecture
Bachelor of Architecture | 05.2009
magna cum laude

Minor | English & Textual Studies

Syracuse University
Florence, Italy | Fall 2007

membership

American Institute of Architects Boston
Society of Architects
NCARB

skills

Revit Architecture
AutoCAD Architecture
Adobe CC
Newforma
Bluebeam
SketchUp
hand sketching
scale model construction

awards

Syracuse University Founders
Scholarship
2004 - 2009

Syracuse University Dean's List
2004 - 2009

professional experience

Project Architect **Finegold Alexander Associates**

August 2019 - Present | Boston, MA

York Judicial Center

Project Architect for new judicial center currently in design development in York County Maine. Collaborating on the design of the exterior, and leading documentation of design and building systems.

Architect / Associate **Arrowstreet**

August 2015 - August 2019 | Boston, MA

KIPP Academy Lynn Collegiate

Lead project team for the renovation of a 75,000 SF former warehouse into a charter high school in Lynn, MA. Coordinated specifications and consultants, researched and reviewed exterior envelope performance and detailing, and supervised exterior and interior detailing. Lead construction administration services.

Parcel K Hyatt

Parcel K is a mixed-use development in the Seaport district. Researched and reviewed resiliency information and documentation for the parcel. Lead the hotel project team in documentation, detailed core and shell of the building, and coordinated with structural, MEP/FP, interiors, code, and accessibility consultants.

Hyatt Centric Boston

Coordinated with existing conditions, consultants, and code officials for 163 key hotel (renovation and addition) within the Congress Square development downtown through the design documentation phase.

Architect **SMMA | Symmes Maini McKee & Associates**

March 2010 - July 2015 | Cambridge, MA

Arthur and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies

Formatted data and produced campus utilization study for client to determine programmatic needs for School of Business. Provided programming through design development services to the client.

Anderson Stadium / Chapey Field

Lead project team in documentation, and coordinated with consultants and engineers for a lacrosse and soccer stadium with attached parking garage and elevated tennis court deck.

Schneider Arena Addition & Renovations

Coordinated project team, produced construction documents, and provided construction administration services for an addition and renovation to an existing hockey arena.



PAUL BRODEUR
Mayor

CITY OF MELROSE

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

City Hall, 562 Main Street
Melrose, Massachusetts 02176
Telephone - (781) 979-4440
Fax - (781) 662-2182

To: Melrose City Council
From: Mayor Paul Brodeur
Re: Zoning Board of Appeals Re-Appointments
Date: Monday, July 11, 2022

I respectfully request the Honorable City Council confirm the re-appointment of the following City of Melrose Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) members:

- Megan Carriere, 36 Larrabee Street, to a two-year term as an Associate Member; said term to expire on the last day of February 2024.
- Bryan Thorpe, 77 Wentworth Road, to a five-year term as a Regular Member; said term to expire the last day of February 2026.

Bryan Thorpe is a registered Massachusetts Architect and a Melrose resident for more than 30 years and has served on the ZBA for over a decade. During this time, he has worked seamlessly alongside both City staff and other ZBA volunteers to ensure Melrose continues to provide its residents with the quality of life they deserve through seeing that Melrose maintains its structural character and integrity.

Since joining the ZBA in February 2022, Carriere, an architect in Boston and Cambridge for more than a decade, has been passionate about engaging with the Melrose community in her capacity as an associate member. Her experience, skills and knowledge, in addition to her passion to ensure Melrose continues to value diversity, safety, and positive change, continue to make a positive impact on the ZBA and Melrose.

Thank you for your consideration and support for these reappointments.