

**MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Room 206, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA**

May 6, 2019

The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 p.m. by Dr. James Lederer, Chair.

The following members were present:

Dr. James Lederer, Chair

Anne Rich, Vice Chair

Ed Chisholm, Christine Gavin, Daniel Lee

Marta Nover, Nover-Armstrong/BETA Group

Melissa Recos, BETA Group

Members Absent: Ram Charan Khalsa

Others present:

Paul Whitty, 22 Birch St.

Patricia Whitty, 22 Birch St.

Geri Sprague, 36 Ticonderoga St.

Robyn Briggs, 8 Pine House Rd.

Jason Varney, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger

Robert Angelo, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger

Wayne Klocko, Permanent Building Comm.

Jim McKay, DPW Director

Austin Turner, Bohler Engineering

Ted Merchant, Toll Bros.

**REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY, PUBLIC HEARING
22 BIRCH STREET – TREE REMOVAL
PAUL & PATRICIA WHITTY**

The public hearing was opened at 7:30 p.m. by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

Mr. Whitty presented the application and plan. He also provided photographs. Mr. Whitty would like to remove five trees from his property due to safety concerns. Due to the proximity of the stream on his property, he is requesting approval from the Commission.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, it was voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. Lee, it was voted unanimously to approve a Negative 3 Determination of Applicability with the following special conditions:

- (1) Trees may be cut flush to the ground; no stump grinding
- (2) No chipping near the stream

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Millis Plastic Reduction Initiative (MPRI)

Geri Sprague - Informal Discussion

Ms. Sprague requested a meeting with the Commission to discuss the initiative started to ban plastics/plastic bags in Millis. She and Ms. Briggs provided information on the subject and resources where more information can be obtained. Ms. Sprague stated that they are hoping to place a warrant on the fall Town Meeting to address the ban. The Commission supports and endorses the efforts of the Millis Plastic Reduction Initiative.

Conceptual Plan Presentation/Informal Discussion

7 Water Street – DPW

Wayne Klocko, Permanent Building Comm.

Mr. Klocko presented a “Concept Plan,” dated March 25, 2019, for discussion. He stated that the scope of the project for renovation/rebuilding of the DPW facility has changed since the last informal discussion with the Commission. There are two articles for Town Meeting in May, he said, that deal with this 3.9 million dollar project. Mr. Klocko is requesting that the Commission provide an opinion as to whether the project as conceptually proposed within the 100-foot buffer zone is a viable option. The delineation was based on information from Mass GIS and is not flagged yet. They kept all buildings outside the 50-foot buffer zone. Mr. Klocko stated that they will file a Notice of Intent at the appropriate time, however, with Town Meeting coming up; they would like to know if their proposal is viable.

There was discussion regarding other possible sites for the project. Mr. Chisholm stated that the current location is already a disturbed area and they “should stick with the one location.”

The Conservation Commission was unanimously in favor of supporting the project as proposed.

“Regency at Glen Ellen” – Glen Ellen/Toll Bros.

DEP File #CE225-0400 - Informal Discussion re:

Minor Field Change Approval & Phase 2D Construction

Mr. Turner from Bohler Engineering, representing the applicant, Toll Brothers, summarized the minor modifications to the Definitive Plans/Site Development Plans. The Commission reviewed the letter, dated January 14, 2019, and the review letter from BETA, dated January 31, 2019. Ms. Recos of BETA summarized their findings regarding the minor revisions. The changes reflected on the plans reflect the ongoing construction activities and are a result of field modifications and consultation with future homeowners. It was Ms. Recos’ opinion that the proposed changes are consistent with the original design and do not substantially alter the design.

On a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. Lee, it was voted unanimously to approve the minor modification requests as field changes to allow minor modifications to the plans entitled, “Site Development Plans for Regency at Glen Ellen,” dated November 18, 2016 revised to December 19, 2018, prepared by Bohler Engineering, Southborough, MA. Sheets revised include sheet numbers: 12, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 28, 32, and 73 of 86.

