

**MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Room 104, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA**

**July 8, 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, Ram Charan Khalsa

Carol Hayes – to be appointed 7/22/19

Marta Nover, Nover-Armstrong/BETA Group

Members Absent:

Others present:

Robert J. Valchuis, 10 Cortland Dr., Hudson

Colton J. Valchuis, 777 Jeffery St., Apt. 402, Boca-Raton, FL

James McKay, Millis DPW

John McVeigh, Millis Board of Health

JaiKaur LeBlanc, Millis Board of Health

James Murphy, 45 Beech St.

Austin Turner, Bohler Engineering

Ted Merchant, Toll Bros.

James Ash, PE, LSP, GEI Consultants, Woburn

Dan Merrikin, Legacy Engineering, 730 Main St.

**DEP FILE #CE225-0423 - NOTICE OF INTENT, PUBLIC HEARING, CONT.  
1475, 1485 & 1512 MAIN STREET – BRENT HARDY, MERIT HILL CAPITAL**

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

Mr. Merrikin was running late so it was requested that the hearing be continued until later in the evening. On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Ms. Gavin, it was voted unanimously at 7:31 p.m. to continue the public hearing to 8:45 p.m.

**Beaver Control Device Installations at Culverts**

**JaiKaur LeBlanc & John McVeigh – Board of Health**

Ms. LeBlanc, the Chair of the Board of Health, stated that she and Mr. McVeigh met with Commission back in April to discuss an alternative to lethal control of the beaver problems. The Town is looking to install two beaver control devices at existing culverts – Causeway Street and Richardson’s Pond. This is in the hopes of eliminating the need for trapping and these methods have been proven throughout the state, Ms. LeBlanc stated. As the beaver activity is blocking the culverts and storm drain, which will cause flooding and endanger public safety, the Board of Health would like the Commission’s approval to install flow devices for beaver control. The work will be performed by Mike Callahan of Beaver Solutions.

On a motion made by Dr. Lederer, seconded by Mr. Lee, it was voted unanimously to issue an Emergency Certification for installations of flow devices at each of the two locations discussed.

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**437 Union Street – Steven Bailen**

**Proposed Deck Replacement/RDA Filing**

Mr. Bailen would like to replace an existing 12' x 16' deck with a new 20' x 16' deck. The Commission reviewed the sketch and found that a Request for Determination filing was not required as the proposed project is out of the Commission's jurisdiction. There is no impact to the wetlands or resource areas.

**“Regency at Glen Ellen” – Glen Ellen/Toll Bros. (Orchard Street)**

**DEP File #CE225-0400 –Phase 2 Start Work Approval/Partial COC Request  
Foundation Drain Testing/Bridge Crossing Discussion**

Mr. Ash, the LSP for Toll Brothers, updated the Commission on the results of the drainage basin discharge sampling. He submitted a letter, dated July 8, 2019. He stated that based on the results of the sampling performed, it is their opinion that petroleum-related contaminants are not discharging from the footing drain to the drainage basin. According to Mr. Ash, no further action is required by DEP and the “clean-up is administratively complete” and no additional groundwater sampling is required.

Ms. Nover, the Commission's peer reviewer, recommended that next spring, some additional discharge sampling should be done when groundwater comes back up. She also stated that the foundation drains are in different locations than shown on the plans and Toll Brothers needs to provide deviations from the plans so the Commission can determine if they are “field changes.”

The Commission scheduled a site visit for Sunday, July 14, 2019, at 1:00 pm to view the site before allowing further site clearing/work and the Phase 2 effects on the site.

**Bridge Crossing Discussion**

Mr. Turner discussed the proposed Bogastow Bridge crossing, stating that the pipe will be attached to the side of the bridge. He will also provide details on the erosion controls and resource impacts on the proposed changes. Mr. Turner stated that he will talk to LEC Environmental regarding wetland classification. The plans will be updated to show the erosion controls.

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The public hearing continuation was opened at 8:52 p.m. by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

The proposed project is for redevelopment of two existing commercial sites. At 1512 Main Street, the applicant proposes to redevelop an existing building pad and paved parking lot into a single-story commercial self-storage building. At 1475/1485 Main Street, the applicant proposes to demolish existing commercial buildings and paved areas on the easterly half of the site and to construct a new three-story commercial self-storage building.

Mr. Merrikin, representing the applicant, presented the revised plans and revised stormwater report. He stated that the changes were requested by the Board of Health and BETA (Planning

