

**MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Room 104, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA
September 9, 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

Marta Nover, Nover-Armstrong/BETA Group

Members Absent:

Others present:

Sammuel Lange, 4 Windcrest Lane

Sarah Lange, 4 Windcrest Lane

Rosalie Starvish, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.

Brock Gibian, Ecogy

Jacque Larson, Ecogy

Julia Maglizzo, Ecogy

Robert Weiss, Millis Energy Manager

Austin Turner, Bohler Engineering

Edward Cannon, Esq., Doherty, Dugan, Cannon, Raymond & Weil, PC

Ryan O'Rourke, Toll Bros., Inc.

Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP) – Tasks

Informal Discussion - Robert Weiss

Mr. Weiss summarized the Town plans prepared by the State. He discussed the Conservation Commission's "mission" for the OSRP plan elements; water, farms, access to Open Space, etc. The Commission reviewed the "Seven Year Action Plan" provided. Mr. Weiss stated that the approach they are taking is to have the various applicable committees/boards look over the plans and start working on actions. Subcommittees may also be formed, he said. The information provided is the beginning in the Town's efforts to define the Town's environmental efforts. Mr. Weiss stated that they are trying to organize the efforts so one committee does not get "overloaded." The Commission will review the information provided.

**DEP FILE #CE225-0424 – NOTICE OF INTENT, PUBLIC HEARING
1375 MAIN STREET – ECOGY SOLAR**

The public hearing was opened at 7:46 p.m. by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

Mr. Gibian, representing the applicant, presented the application and plans. The proposed project is for a 219.065kWp DC, 199.8kW AC Community Solar parking lot canopy electric system. The project consists of two solar parking lot canopies, electrical trenching, and new electrical equipment. The site is already developed with an existing single-story metal manufacturing building (Collt Manufacturing). If the project is approved, Mr. Gibian stated, Collt Manufacturing will receive a new revenue stream as well as a new amenity for its employees. Ms. Larson presented an updated plan showing an increase in the canopy heights. Since the Notice of Intent filing, she said, the Fire Chief requested some minor changes for

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emergency access. The trenched area of the parking lot will be restored to its existing condition and the concrete footings will be flush with the pavement.

The Commission requested that the plan be revised to add erosion control detail and to address the comments from DEP regarding floodplain.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Ms. Gavin, it was voted unanimously at 8:04 p.m. to close the public hearing.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Mr. Khalsa, it was voted unanimously to approve an Order of Conditions, with Special Conditions, for DEP File #CE225-0424 for 1375 Main Street, pending receipt of the revised plan. (Note: the revised plan with a revision date of 9/17/2019 was received and the Order of Conditions issued.)

**Tangerini Farm – Spring Street
Informal Discussion re: Water & Sediment Mitigation Plan
Laura Tangerini**

Ms. Tangerini discussed the erosion issue she is dealing with in one of their fields on the farm. She stated that a sewer system down the road is causing erosion and flooding all across the field. The National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) engineered a drawing to mitigate the problem, she said. This plan shows creation of a basin and piping down to the bottom of the field, with rip rap provided. Ms. Tangerini stated that this approach will “make the wetlands better.” She is hoping to get the work done this fall.

Mr. Chisholm stated that erosion controls should be placed along the bottom of the area of the pipe. Ms. Tangerini will add the erosion control detail to the plan.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Mr. Lee, it was voted unanimously to approve the proposed mitigation, pending the receipt of the revised plan showing erosion control detail.

**REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION, PUBLIC HEARING
ORCHARD STREET GAS MAIN PROJECT – BROOK CROSSINGS
COLUMBIA GAS OF MA**

The public hearing was opened at 8:18 p.m. by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

The Commission received an email from Dana Altobello, PE, of Merrill Engineering, dated September 9, 2019, wherein he requested a continuance of the public hearing.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Mr. Khalsa, it was voted unanimously at 8:19 p.m. to continue the hearing to Monday, October 7, 2019, at 7:30 p.m.

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GECC Toll Brothers – “Regency at Glen Ellen”

Conservation Covenant/Restriction

Atty. Edward Cannon

Atty. Cannon presented the final Conservation Covenant that was a requirement of the approvals for the Senior Residential Community Development. It has been reviewed by Town Counsel and signed by Toll Brothers.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Mr. Lee, it was voted unanimously to approve the “Conservation Covenant for Glen Ellen Condominium, Millis, MA.” The Covenant was signed accordingly.

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

DEP File #CE225-0400 – Discussion re: Foundation Drain Discussion;

Walking Trail Parking Lot; Cart Path Removal; Unauthorized Mowing; Erosion Controls

Mr. Turner from Bohler Engineering, representing the applicant, updated the Commission on the footing drains for units 1-3. A letter to Mr. Jim McKay, DPW, from Melissa Recos, PE, of BETA Group, dated September 5, 2019, was discussed. The connection, although allowable, should be permitted through the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Turner will provide the Commission with a copy of the Board of Selectmen approval. Ms. Nover recommended that sampling of the water in the spring should be done to make sure there is no discharge of anything into the wetland.

Mr. Turner presented a revised plan of the public trail access parking lot. The revisions locate the lot further from the brook, leaving more trees in place. The applicant requested that this lot be paved to prevent erosion into the surrounding area and Orchard Street. There will be room for six to ten vehicles. The Commission had no issues with this revision.

Mr. Turner stated that there are a series of cart/walking paths both on the development side of the Bogastow Brook and on the opposite side. Toll Brothers proposed removing the section of the asphalt cart path on their side of the brook that is not a part of the approved walking trail system. Mr. Turner stated that this would avoid confusion of the designed walking paths. Toll Brothers would apply a Conservation Mix and seed/re-vegetate the area. Ms. Nover recommended a conservation wildlife seed mix. The Commission had no issue with this proposal.

Ms. Nover updated the Commission on the August 27, 2019 Construction Monitoring Report. Mowing occurred in the prohibited Bordering Vegetated Wetland “Do-not-disturb” areas on the site. LEC Environmental will look into it and provide recommendations for restoration of the BVW. Ms. Nover suggested that the permanent markers be put in. Mr. O’Rourke stated that they could put in wooden stakes for now until the permanent markers are installed. They will also provide signage for the protected areas. (Note: LEC issued a Memorandum, dated September 6, 2019, addressing the issue. They provided restoration recommendations. They will install wooden survey stakes at regular intervals along the 50-foot No-Disturbance Zone

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boundary until the contractor is able to install the permanent markers in accordance with the Order of Conditions.)

Ms. Nover stated that there are erosion controls along Orchard Street that are in disrepair. She stated that since no Certificate of Compliance has been issued for the utility roadwork, Toll Brothers should replace/repair them. Toll Brothers will discuss this issue with Columbia Gas as they are also doing utility work in the roadway.

**Unforeseen:
13 Beech Street-Proposed Pool Installation
Craig Roberts**

The Commission reviewed an email and sketch plan for a proposed in ground pool. As part of the proposed work would be in the 50-foot buffer zone, a Notice of Intent filing would be required.

Other Business:

**Proposed Link To Website
Email**

The Commission received an email from Ms. Ashley Riddle regarding uploading a link to the Conservation Commission's webpage. The link contained information on attracting garden wildlife. Upon review, the Commission found it to be a commercial website and opted not to upload the link.

216 Orchard Street - Shed

It was observed that a shed at 216 Orchard Street appeared to be in close proximity to the bank of Bogastow Brook. A letter will be sent requesting an informal discussion at the next meeting on October 7, 2019.

Minutes

On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Rich, the minutes from August 5, 2019, were unanimously approved as written.

Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings: October 7, 2019

There being no further business, on a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Standley, Administrative Assistant