

**MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Room 104, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA
October 7, 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, Carol Hayes

Members Absent: Ram Charan Khalsa

Others present: Sammuel Lange, 4 Windcrest Lane
Sarah Lange, 4 Windcrest Lane
Tim Sullivan, CMA (Construction Supervisor for Columbia Gas)
Christine Paige, 4 Cirrus Dr., Ashland
Dana Altobello, Merrill Engineering

138 Pleasant Street, Informal Discussion re: Wetlands

Christine Paige

Ms. Paige requested to meet with the Commission. She stated that she is interested in purchasing the above-mentioned property. If she did, however, she would like to construct a two-car garage to the right of the house. She was told by a surveyor that there may be "Conservation Commission issues" due to close proximity of the wetlands.

Commission member Carol Hayes will conduct a site visit. (Note: Ms. Hayes conducted a site visit on Wednesday, October 9, 2019. It was her determination that any proposed garage could not extend beyond the rear footprint of the house without Conservation Commission approval. Ms. Paige was emailed and she responded to say that she has decided not to purchase the home but she would forward the information to the current owners for future reference.)

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

The public hearing continuation was opened at 7:40 p.m. by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

Mr. Altobello, PE, of Merrill Engineering, representing the applicant, presented the application and revised plans. He stated that the application is for the proposed installation of a new gas main within a portion of Orchard Street. Specifically, this filing is to permit the two Bogastow Brook crossings which will be completed using the Horizontal Directional Method (HDD), he said. The Commission reviewed the plans.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Ms. Gavin, it was voted unanimously at 7:56 p.m. to close the public hearing.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Mr. Lee, it was voted unanimously to approve a Negative 3 Determination of Applicability, with conditions.

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Eagle Scout Project Proposal

Richardson's Pond Brush Clean-up; Bat Boxes

Sammuel Lange

Mr. Lange presented his project entitled, "Millis vs. Mosquitos." He stated that he has been inspired by the current public health concerns regarding mosquito-borne illnesses to undertake this Eagle Scout project. Mr. Lange discussed his proposal for the construction of bat boxes and placement in areas around town. He presented bat demographic information, project phasing, funding, and locations for bat boxes. Community outreach will also be a part of his project. Mr. Lange will also clear and remove overgrown brush from the Richardson's Pond area as part of his individual Scout project.

The Commission was in favor of Mr. Lange's proposal and will discuss locations for the bat boxes at a future meeting.

Other Business:

DEP File #225-0238 – 3 Rolling Meadow Drive

Re-sign Certificate of Compliance

A Certificate of Compliance had been issued for the property back in 2004; however, it was never recorded by the applicant at the Registry of Deeds/Land Court. The property is being sold and the Law Offices of Roche and Roche requested that another Certificate be signed so they may record it properly. The Certificate of Compliance was signed. (Note: the Certificate of Compliance was recorded.)

ConCom Advertising Fee Increase

The current advertising fee for Conservation Commission applications is \$75.00 which is paid by the applicant at the time of filing. The Milford Daily News classified ad fee has increased beyond the \$75.00 currently charged.

On a motion made by Dr. Lederer, seconded by Ms. Rich, the application advertising fee is increased to \$85.00, effective immediately.

Budabing's Site - Letter from Building Inspector

The Commission was in receipt of a letter, dated October 2, 2019, from Michael Giampietro, Building Inspector. The letter was to the owners of Budabing's Restaurant with concerns regarding impacts to the wetlands/drainage structures near the establishment. These concerns are due to the large fire at the establishment over the summer. A site visit was scheduled for Saturday, October 19, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Ms. Hayes, the minutes from September 9, 2019, were unanimously approved as amended.

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Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings: November 18, 2019
December 9, 2019

There being no further business, on a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:21p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Camille Standley,
Administrative Assistant*