

**MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Room 104, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA
February 3, 2020**

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

Laura Kraus, BETA Group

Members Absent:

Others present: Paul Guzzi, 5 Pine House Rd.
 Beau Grassia, 39 Main St., King St. Cafe
 Ted Merchant, Toll Bros., Inc.
 Ryan O'Rourke, Toll Bros, Inc.

5 Pine House Road – Informal Discussion

Above-ground Pool Installation – Paul Guzzi

Mr. Guzzi stated that he is considering installing an above-ground pool on his property. The proposed location would be within 100-feet of wetlands on his property.

The Commission was in agreement that a Notice of Intent filing would be required for work associated with the pool construction. Mr. Guzzi will be emailed a copy of the Notice of Intent form for review to see the requirements of filing. (Note: Mr. Guzzi emailed the Commission on 2/12/2020 stating that he was not going to proceed with the pool installation at this time.)

DEP File #225-0403 – 39 Main Street; King St. Café

Beau Grassia

Mr. Grassia was issued a Cease & Desist letter on 1/23/2020 for work being done that was outside of the approved scope of the Order of Conditions issued for the project. Mr. Grassia apologized to the Commission. He stated that he has constructed a walkway and done some planting/landscaping on the site. Mr. Grassia said that there is “a pile of construction material” he would like to remove from the site.

Mr. Lee stated that the creation of the walkway, berm, and other activity on the site is “totally illegal in respect to his Order of Conditions” for the project. The walkway, for example, is not on the approved site plan. The Commission members stressed again that ONLY the work approved on the Order of Conditions and associated approved site plan is allowed – nothing further. Mr. Grassia was instructed to provide a revised plan (as-built) showing the grading and materials currently on-site. Any proposed changes must be shown on a separate plan so the Commission may determine if a new filing is required. Mr. Grassia will attend the March 2, 2020 meeting to provide the plan to the Commission. The Commission will then schedule a site visit.

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DEP FILE #CE225-0400 & #CE225-0406 - Glen Ellen SRCD

“Regency at Glen Ellen” Toll Brothers, Inc.

Construction Progress Update

Mr. Merchant updated the Commission on the status of construction for the Senior Residential Community Development. He stated that Phase I is fully paved and houses are being complete; Phase 2D is being built with 15 units under construction; the roadway in Phase 2 is starting to be paved and all detention basins to be used during construction have been constructed and the perimeter basins have been stabilized. Phase 3 will be built this calendar year upon submittal of an as-built survey to the Commission and receipt of a Partial COC for Phase 2, Mr. Merchant stated. Currently, twenty-six units have sold/closed, he said.

Ms. Krause of BETA Group, the Commission’s consulting peer reviewer, addressed some of her concerns as we move into the spring. She stated that they will keep an eye on the footing drain discharge where sheen had been observed last year. Mr. Merchant stated that they would test the discharge water in April when the groundwater will be high. Ms. Krause stated that it was BETA’s opinion that the erosion controls should remain and continue to be re-stabilized in areas of discharge points and areas where soil is not stable. In areas where the ground is stabilized erosion controls can be removed provided construction is complete, she said. Before Phase 3, Toll Brothers will come back before the Commission.

Ms. Krause asked when the work will be conducted on the Emergency Access Road, to which Mr. Merchant stated the work would occur between July 1 and August 31. Mr. Merchant also indicated that restoration planting will be re-installed in the springtime.

Mr. Merchant stated that the Orchard Street work is complete – one small section of pipe may need to be replaced, he said. Paving will take place once the asphalt plants open for the season. They will also look into filing for Extension Permits for the Orders of Conditions given the Order expires in August of 2020.

Other Business:

Unforeseen:

DEP File #225-0412 – 72 Farm Street

Request for Certificate of Compliance - Michael Ryan

A Request for Certificate of Compliance was filed for the above-mentioned property. A site visit was scheduled for Saturday, February 8, 2020, at 9:00 am. (Note: the site visit was conducted as scheduled. Areas along the driveway must be stabilized this spring. Mr. Ryan will contact the Commission for another site visit when this is done.)

Minutes

On a motion made by Dr. Lederer, seconded by Ms. Gavin, the minutes from January 6, 2020, were unanimously approved as written.

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Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings: March 2, 2020
 April 6, 2020

There being no further business, on a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Ms. Hayes, and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:51p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Camille Standley,
Administrative Assistant*