

**MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Room 130, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA
March 2, 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, Carol Hayes

Marta Nover, BETA Group

Members Absent: Ram Charan Khalsa

Others present: John McVeigh, Millis Board of Health
James McKay, DPW
Scott Goddard, Goddard Consulting, LLC
Emanuel DeAndrade, Simpson, Gumpertz & Heger
Sean Donlon, Simpson, Gumpertz & Heger
Paul Bolton, 24 Larch Rd.
Marian Rambelle, CDW Consultants, Inc.
James Lederer, 10 Paddock Lane
Paul Nadeau, 3 Rolling Meadow Dr.
Michael Tieu, 68 Ridge St.
Beverly Temple, 245 Ridge St.
Diane Hubbard, 307 Orchard St.
Katelyn Donovan, 35 Daniels St.
Beau Grassia, 39 Main St., King St. Café
Daniel Merrikin, Legacy Engineering, 730 Main St., Suite 2C

Emergency Permit Request - Farm Street Ext. Culvert

John McVeigh, Board of Health

Mr. McVeigh stated that there are public safety concerns due to beaver activity at the Farm St. Extension culvert. He said that the beaver devices installed during the summer are working effectively and they would like to have one installed at the Farm St. Extension location.

On a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Ms. Rich, it was voted unanimously to approve an Emergency Certification for installation of a flow device for beaver control at the requested location.

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

Cease & Desist - Beau Grassia

Mr. Grassia stated that his engineer has not yet completed the revised plan. It is expected to be done prior to the next meeting. The Commission scheduled a site visit for Saturday, March 7, 2020, at 9:30 am. Mr. Grassia is scheduled to attend the April 6, 2020 meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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**DEP FILE#CE225- , NOTICE OF INTENT, PUBLIC HEARING
7 WATER STREET – DPW REDEVELOPMENT**

The public hearing was opened at 7:49 p.m. by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

Mr. DeAndrade, representing the Town of Millis DPW, presented the application and plans. The applicant proposes to construct two new buildings, install drainage and other utility and site improvements, re-grade and pave portions of the site, and add several green space areas to the existing DPW location. The proposed work is located entirely within the footprint of the existing degraded area of the DPW facility, Mr. DeAndrade stated.

Mr. DeAndrade presented the existing site conditions. Proposed affected Wetland Resource Areas and Buffer Zones were discussed. Stormwater management improvements were presented and discussed. According to Mr. DeAndrade, the project would be constructed in three phases. Mr. McKay stated that there would be no impact to the transfer station.

A site visit was scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2020, at 9:00 am. A DEP File number assignment is also pending.

On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Hayes, it was voted unanimously at 8:05 p.m. to continue the public hearing to Monday, April 6, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

**DEP FILE#CE225- , NOTICE OF INTENT, PUBLIC HEARING
RIDGE STREET OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT (“EMERSON PLACE”)
T.D. DEVELOPMENT, LLC**

The public hearing was opened at 8:11 p.m. by Ms. Rich, Vice, Chair. (Dr. Lederer recused himself from the public hearing as he is a direct abutter to the proposed project.)

Mr. Merrikin, representing the applicant, presented the application and plans. The proposed project is for construction on an Open Space Development with the construction of roadways and associated infrastructure for a 43-lot single-family open space subdivision on land between Ridge Street and Rolling Meadow Drive. Lot developments are not included in the Notice of Intent filing and will be filed separately, Mr. Merrikin said.

Mr. Merrikin stated that the wetlands were delineated under an Order of Resource Area Delineation (DEP File#CE225-0407) approximately one and half years ago. The Planning Board issued an Open Space Development Special Permit, he said, which allows for smaller lots, reduced frontage, and open space. Mr. Merrikin has also filed a Definitive Plan Approval application with the Planning Board. Two wetland crossings for roadways are proposed. He stated that they are “exploring options” on how to do the crossings to make them as narrow as possible (culverts; box culverts). There was discussion regarding the classification of one of the streams: Mr. Merrikin’s wetlands consultant classifies it as intermittent, however, Ms. Nover of

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BETA Group, the Commission's wetlands consultant, disagrees. Ms. Nover stated that the Commission made a decision and the stream is classified as perennial.

Mr. Tieu, an abutter to the project, had submitted some questions via email dated March 1, 2020, regarding stormwater issues. Mr. Merrikin stated that the report would be reviewed by BETA as well and he will be discussing the Stormwater Report at a later public hearing. He said that comments would be provided and "adjustments made to the Stormwater Report along the way."

The hearing will be continued to allow adequate review time by BETA Group and assignment of a DEP file number.

On a motion made by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, it was voted unanimously at 8:34 p.m. to continue the public hearing to Monday, April 6, 2020, 8:00 p.m.

Other Business:

Unforeseen:

**DEP File #225-199 – 9 Ryan Road
Certificate of Compliance Request**

The Commission was contacted by Ms. Erin McKenney, Esq., from Pino Law Offices, requesting a site visit for 9 Ryan Road for a Certificate of Compliance. The home is being sold and the Order of Conditions is still open. This home is part of a subdivision where the developer did not follow through with the Certificate of Compliance. Commission members Mr. Chisholm and Ms. Gavin will conduct a site visit on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. (Note: A Certificate of Compliance could not be issued due to the lack of information provided. A current as-built plan must be submitted for an additional site visit.)

Minutes

On a motion made by Dr. Lederer, seconded by Ms. Gavin, the minutes from February 3, 2020, were unanimously approved as written.

Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings: April 6, 2020

There being no further business, on a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Camille Standley,
Administrative Assistant*