

**MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Room 206, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA
October 2, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ms. Carol Hayes, Vice Chair.

The following members were present:

Carol Hayes, Vice Chair

Ed Chisholm, Christine Gavin, David Larsen, Scott McPhee, John Steadman

Jonathan Niro, BETA Group

Members absent: Dr. James Lederer

Others present: Brian Spaulding, Toll Bros., Inc., 126 Flanders Rd., Westborough

Jon Barry, 6 Paddock Lane

Jackson Barry, 6 Paddock Lane

David Golden, 28 Glen Ellen Blvd.

Atty. Ted Cannon, 124 Grove St., Franklin

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT PROPOSAL – JACKSON BARRY

Mr. Jackson Barry, age 16, a Millis resident and a Life Scout in Troup 76 in Holliston, presented his proposed project for Eagle Scout. Mr. Barry would like to perform some trail clearing around the pond and provide public health displays (kiosk) of information at Richardson Pond; particularly in relation to tick awareness.

The Commission was in favor of Mr. Barry's proposal and suggested he include other information as well; such as a brief history of the property, for example.

Mr. Barry will contact the Commission when his Eagle Scout form is prepared for approval. The Commission thanked Mr. Barry for submitting his proposal.

REQ. FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY, PUB. HEAR., 1375 MAIN ST.

The public hearing was opened at 7:15 p.m. with notice being read by Ms. Hayes, Vice Chair.

Atty. Cannon, on behalf of the applicant, 1375 Main Street Millis Joint Venture, LLC, presented the application and plan. The proposed project is for the re-purposing of an existing facility (Collt Manufacturing) for processing and treating of raw materials for wood milling/lumber mill operations. According to Atty. Cannon, there were zoning violations on the property from the previous owner which have since been resolved. He stated that there is no proposed disturbance on the property – only a dust collection system will be added to the rear of the building which will sit on the existing asphalt. No other changes to the outside of the building are proposed, he said.

On a motion made by Mr. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, it was voted unanimously at 7:21 p.m. to close the public hearing.

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On a motion made by Mr. Steadman, seconded by Ms. Gavin, it was voted unanimously to approve a Negative 2 Determination of Applicability.

**DEP FILE#CE225-0400 – REGENCY AT GLEN ELLEN
CONSTRUCTION MONITORING REPORT DISCUSSION
BRIAN SPAULDING, TOLL BROS., INC.**

The Commission requested that a representative from Toll Brothers attend the meeting to discuss the status of construction monitoring report recommendations. Mr. Spaulding from Toll Brothers attended the meeting.

Mr. Steadman summarized the issues from BETA's latest Construction Monitoring Report, dated September 18, 2023. He stated that the Commission is very concerned as it appears that recommendations in this, and previous reports, are repeatedly being ignored by Toll Brothers. Nothing in writing from Toll Brothers has been received by the Commission stating how Toll Brothers will address the concerns/recommendations. Mr. Steadman said that the same recommendations appear on the reports and remain unresolved, which sends a message to the Commission that these issues "are not a priority" for Toll Brothers. According to Mr. Spaulding, Toll Brothers is acting on all recommendations.

The Commission requires that Toll Brothers prepare written responses with a plan of action on all eighteen (18) "Conclusions and Recommendations" on BETA's latest report, dated September 18, 2023. This written response must be submitted to the Commission by October 10, 2023. (Note: Correspondence from Ted Merchant of Toll Brothers received October 9, 2023.)

OTHER BUSINESS:

**DEP FILE# CE225-0419 – #13 FRONTIER LANE
REQUEST FOR COMPLETE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

The Commission received a Request for Complete Certificate of Compliance for #13 Frontier Lane. A partial Certificate of Compliance had been issued until the ground cover was stabilized. A site visit was conducted by the Commission on September 15, 2023, where all was found to be in compliance with the Order of Conditions.

On a motion made by Mr. Steadman, seconded by Mr. McPhee, it was unanimously voted to approve the Certificate of Compliance for DEP File #CE225-0419, 13 Frontier Lane.

DEP FILE # CE225-0440 - 17 EDEN STREET; DEP EMAIL

DEP had emailed the Commission with a question on BVW impact on the Order of Conditions for 17 Eden Street. The 1160 square feet of BVW impact on the Order of Conditions is correct. DEP will be emailed an electronic copy of the approved site plan.

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SITE VISITS:

50 CAUSEWAY STREET

Mr. Steadman conducted a site visit at 50 Causeway Street with the owner to look at the trees marked for removal to see if any ConCom filing is required. It was determined that nothing was within the buffer zone and/or resource area so no filing is needed.

DEP File #CE225-0432 – DPW PFAS Treatment Plant – Mr. Chisholm summarized the site visit conducted on September 21, 2023. The added rip rap was acceptable. Mr. McKay will work on submitting the Request for Certificate of Compliance.

MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Steadman, seconded by Mr. Larsen, the meeting minutes from September 11, 2023, were unanimously approved as written.

Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings: November 13, 2023
December 4, 2023

There being no further business, on a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Ms. Hayes and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Camille Standley
Administrative Assistant*