

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

April 2, 2018

The meeting was brought to order at 7:43 p.m. by Dr. James Lederer, Chair.

The following members were present:

Dr. James Lederer, Chair
Anne Rich, Vice Chair
Daniel Lee, Charles Tangerini
Ram Charan Khalsa (non-voting)

Members Absent: Ed Chisholm, Christine Gavin

Others present: Michael Ryan, 432 Village St.
Dan Merrikin, Merrikin Engineering, 730 Main St.
Heather Maguire, 432 Village St.
Paul DeSimone, Colonial Engineering, 11 Awl St., Medway
Bob Fox, Ridge St.
Beverly Fagerheim, 21 Spencer St.
Dave Mullally, 24 Acorn St.

**DEP FILE # CE225-0412, NOTICE OF INTENT, PUBLIC HEARING, CONT.
72 FARM STREET - MICHAEL RYAN**

The public hearing was opened at 7:44 p.m. by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

Mr. Dan Merrikin, representing the applicant, presented the revised plans (revised April 3, 2018). He stated that the barn and paddock were removed from the plan, and the house shifted backwards to be out of the buffer zone.

The Commission had no further questions.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Mr. Tangerini, it was voted unanimously at 7:46 p.m. to close the public hearing.

On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Rich, it was voted unanimously to approve an Order of Conditions, with special conditions, for DEP File #CE225-0412, 72 Farm Street.

**DEP FILE # CE225-0413, NOTICE OF INTENT, PUBLIC HEARING, CONT.
11 ROLLING MEADOW DR. – K. LEVANGIE & M. MCMAHON**

The public hearing continuation was opened at 7:48 p.m. by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

Mr. Paul DeSimone, representing the applicant, presented the revised plan (revised March 15, 2018). He stated that the square footage for the addition and the DEP File number approving the wetland line (DEP File #CE225-0407) had been added to the plan. All work is outside of the 50-foot buffer, Mr. DeSimone said. The Commission had no further questions.

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On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Rich, it was voted unanimously at 7:49 p.m. to close the public hearing.

On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Rich, it was voted unanimously to approve an Order of Conditions, with special conditions, for DEP File #CE225-0413, 11 Rolling Meadow Drive.

**DEP FILE # CE225-0414, NOTICE OF INTENT, PUBLIC HEARING
LOTS 5 & 6A/22 ACORN STREET – BANE REALTY TRUST II**

The public hearing was opened at 8:00 p.m. by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

Mr. Dan Merrikin, representing the applicant, presented the application and plans. The proposed project is for construction of two single family dwellings on existing lots. According to Mr. Merrikin, the applicant inadvertently cleared into the outer 50' of the buffer zone when preparing to construct the new homes. The homes are outside the buffer zone. Trees were cut and removed, he said, but no stumping was done and the buffer "was not grubbed." As soon as this work was discovered, all work in the buffer was halted and two erosion control lines were installed pending the outcome of this application, he said. There was no alteration of the wetland itself, Mr. Merrikin said. Mr. Fox stated that he had been out of town when this unauthorized work was done, and he apologized. He will re-plant trees to replace the ones taken down if the Commission wishes, he said. Mr. Merrikin will revise the plans to show proposed plantings/landscape notes.

Mr. Merrikin stated that the project consists of the construction of two new single-family dwellings, along with associated driveways, landscaping, and utilities. As shown on the plans, the proposed work includes activities in the buffer zone associated with the landscaping of the lots. An undisturbed buffer of at least 50 feet is provided to the edge of wetland areas in all locations.

Ms. Fagerheim and Mr. Mullally, abutters to the project, expressed concern over water runoff, flooding concerns and water flow downhill on Acorn Street. Mr. Merrikin provided an overview of the general flow of water/stormwater in the area.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Mr. Lee, it was voted unanimously at 8:30 p.m. to continue the public hearing to Monday, May 21, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

Other Business:

Conservation Commission Member

Mr. Ramcharan Khalsa was appointed by the Selectmen, however, he had not yet been sworn in so was unable to vote at the meeting.

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**DPW – Water Street Garage
Proposed Construction Email Inquiry**

The Commission was in receipt of an email from Tony Khoury, dated March 26, 2018. He is working on a proposal for the Town of Mills DPW to add two structures to the Water Street facility: the first will contain a truck wash and a mechanic bay; the second will be a staff wing. Based on the limited information provided, the Commission will need some general questions answered prior to making any determination as to whether a filing will be required. Mr. Khoury or Mr. McKay will be asked to attend the May 21, 2018 meeting for an Informal Discussion.

**DEP File #225-0206
84 Orchard Street
Re-sign Certificate of Compliance**

An email from Rochelle O’Neil of Guerriere & Halnon, dated March 27, 2018, was received. An original Certificate of Compliance for an old, completed Order of Conditions was previously issued. According to Ms. O’Neil, the original had been mailed, certified, to the client, however the Post Office lost the document. The Commission re-signed another original to mail to Ms. O’Neil.

Minutes

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Dr. Lederer, the minutes from March 5, 2018, were unanimously approved as amended.

Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings: May 21, 2018 (Room 104)

There being no further business, on a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Mr. Tangerini and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Camille Standley
Administrative Assistant*