

**MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Room 206, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA
April 8, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Dr. James Lederer, Chair.

The following members were present:

Dr. James Lederer, Chair

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

Members absent: Carol Hayes, Vice Chair

Others present: Tyler Nolan, 34 Pollard Dr.
William Leussis, 49 Auburn Rd.
Ben Vaccaro, 21 Key St.
Melanie Leussis, 49 Auburn Rd.
Steven Chiarizio, 139 Spring St.
David Werner, 91 Ridge St.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 15 PROPOSED PROJECT DISCUSSION

Three Scouts from Troop 15, William Leussis, Tyler Nolan, and Benjamin Vaccaro, met with the Commission. They were previously provided, via email, some project ideas from the Commission for potential Life Service Projects.

The Scouts proposed clean-ups/plantings at two of the Conservation Commission's properties: Pleasant Street Park and Richardson's Pond area. They stated that they will clean up trash, leaves, fallen limbs, and provide plantings, etc. The Scout Troop will provide the manpower and solicit donations from surrounding businesses. The aim is to do the clean-ups in April and plantings on or around May 19th to avoid overnight freezes.

The Scouts will keep in touch with the Commission as to their progress. The Commission is very appreciative of their time and effort for these projects.

**DEP FILE #CE225-0437 – OAK GROVE FARM TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS
INFORMAL DISCUSSION RE: PROPOSED MINOR MODIFICATION/FIELD
CHANGE, CONT.**

Mr. Werner presented the plans, prepared by Horace P. Aikman, showing the proposed modifications discussed at the last meeting.

The Commission reviewed the plans. Rerouting of the path and other alternatives were discussed. Although the area is "swampy," water does not flow through the area. Installation of 4" Schedule 80 PVC piping is proposed under the elevated gravel walkway. The proposed pipes are to equalize water and allow amphibians to cross under the path. Mr. Werner stated that this is an existing cart road. The Commission was in agreement that the originally approved boardwalk installation would likely cause damage to the wetland areas.

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The Commission requested that the plans be revised to show the proposed piping and maintenance procedures should be noted on the plans.

On a motion made by Mr. Steadman, seconded by Mr. Larsen, it was voted unanimously to approve the minor plan modification request as a field change, pending receipt of the revised plans as discussed.

(Note: the revised plans were submitted and are approved as shown on the plan entitled, "Existing Conditions Plan, Oak Grove Farm, 410 Exchange Street, Millis, Massachusetts," sheets 5 and 6 of 6, dated 05/05/2024, prepared/stamped by Horace P. Aikman, RLA.)

**DEP FILE#CE225- , NOTICE OF INTENT, PUBLIC HEARING, CONT.
84 ORCHARD STREET – REGENCY AT GLEN ELLEN – TOLL BROS.**

The public hearing continuation was opened at 7:55 p.m. with notice being read by Mr. Steadman.

The applicant, via email dated March 29, 2024, requested a continuance, without discussion, to the May 6, 2024, meeting.

On a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. McPhee, it was voted unanimously at 7:56 p.m. to continue the public hearing, without discussion, to Monday, May 6, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

**TANGERINI'S SPRING STREET FARM
STEVEN TANGERINI – CULVERT REPAIR**

Mr. Chiarizio had contacted the Commission via email, dated March 24, 2024, regarding an emergency repair on a culvert pipe that caved on the farm property. Mr. Chiarizio stated that a site visit was conducted by the Commission on April 6th. The Commission members viewed the emergency repair and found it to be acceptable.

On a motion made by Mr. Larsen, seconded by Ms. Gavin, it was unanimously voted to approve an after-the-fact Emergency Certification Form for the culvert repair at Tangerini's Farm.

Mr. Chiarizio provided an update on the Tile Drainage project on the farm. He notified the Commission that he may have "to clean the ditches" to keep water flowing through the property. According to Mr. Chiarizio, Norfolk Mosquito Control will not be providing their cleaning services. Mr. Chiarizio will provide an update on this maintenance in his annual report to the Commission.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

DAVID DODSWORTH – TREWORKS.PRO

TREE WORK ESTIMATE FOR VILLAGE STREET WALKING PATHS

Mr. Dodsworth provided the Commission with an estimate for downed tree clearing/brush mowing at the Village Street walking paths, via email dated March 22, 2024. The total for the work is \$2,750.00.

On a motion made by Mr. Steadman, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, it was voted unanimously to approve the estimate from David Dodsworth in the amount of \$2,750.00.

MASS HOUSING LETTER

1178 MAIN STREET – PROPOSED 40B

The Commission reviewed the Mass Housing letter, dated March 3, 2024. The Commission will provide a comment that: development plans should proceed only with an acute awareness of the wetlands on and adjacent to the property.

MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Steadman, seconded by Mr. McPhee, the meeting minutes from March 18, 2024, were unanimously approved as written.

Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings: May 6, 2024
June 10, 2024

There being no further business, on a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Dr. Lederer and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Camille Standley
Administrative Assistant*