



## MILLBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### Meeting Minutes

**Date: February 2, 2022 | Time: 6:30 P.M. | Via Zoom**

Present: Ronald Stead, Paul DiCicco, Jeff Raymond, Christopher Weagle

Absent: Raymond Keddy

**6:30 P.M.** Chairman Stead opened the meeting at 6:30PM.

Mr. Stead reviewed the minutes of the January 5, 2022. Mr. Raymond motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. DiCicco. All in favor, motion approved. Minutes were also approved for the DEP site visit at 192 Millbury Ave on January 6, 2022. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. DiCicco, seconded by Mr. Raymond. All in favor, motion approved.

#### **Mail**

- The Commission received a Letter of Intent to file suit from the Conservation Law Foundation against Schnitzer Steel Inc. for violating the Clean Water Act. The property abuts Millbury next to the Upper Blackstone Clean Water facility. No action is required by the Board, shared for informational purposes.
- 2022 MACC Annual Environmental Conferences, March 1-12, 2022. Sessions are available to Commission members if they are interested in attending.
- Reminder that there will be a DEP site visit at 17 Rice Road tomorrow, 2/7/2022, at 1:00PM regarding the appeal filed by the abutters

**6:35 P.M.** **Public Hearing- Notice of Intent DEP #224-0832**

**Jeffrey Paulus**

**23 Wildwood Road**

Construction of a single-family dwelling

Steve Balcewicz from Land Planners represented applicant. The project proposes to demolish the existing single-family dwelling, while preserving the attached garage, and constructing a new single-family dwelling. There is also a shed that will be moved after construction. The new construction is largely outside the 50' buffer zone as shown on the submitted plans. Any stockpile areas will be outside the 100' buffer zone. The new property will connect to municipal sewer. A DEP # has been issued and DEP has made recommendation regarding native plantings along BVW edge. Mr. Balcewicz had not had a chance to review the recommendations prior to this meeting. Land Planning will confer with applicant regarding DEP's comments. Mr. Weagle asked if the site was walkable so he could do a site visit. The Commission and Mr. Balcewicz agreed to continue the hearing to the next meeting so that they could review. Mr. Balcewicz noted some erosion barriers have already been put place and the septic will be pumped in the near future. A

motion to continue to next meeting on 2/16/2022 was made by Mr. Raymond, seconded by Mr. DiCicco. All in favor, motion approved.

**6:40 P.M. Public Hearing- Notice of Intent- No DEP# Issued  
National Grid**

**Grafton Street Map 55, Lot 11- Exploratory Soil Boring**

Maria Firstenberg from TRC represented National Grid. The project consists of exploratory soil borings in a resource area. The work needs to be done because the existing data is not accurate, as it is older information. Three of the holes are within a wetland resource area. There will be matting put down prior to the project starting. National Grid has a system in place to report vernal pools if they are discovered in the process of a project. Holes will be dug approximately 6" wide and 30' deep, in accordance with standard practices. Mr. Stead asked if the potential vernal pool has been registered with the State. Ms. Firstenberg said she would look into this and let the Board know her findings. At this time there is no DEP # and could not be voted on. A motion to continue the hearing to the next meeting was made by Mr. DiCicco, seconded by Mr. Raymond. All in favor, motion approved.

Next meeting date: **Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 6:30pm**

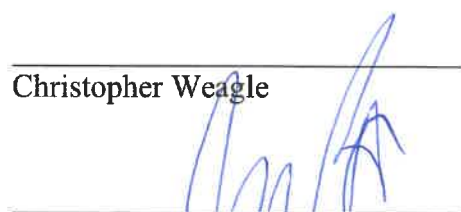
A motion to adjourn made by Mr. DiCicco at 7:15pm, seconded by Mr. Raymond. All in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Schold  
Conservation Clerk

  
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