

MILLBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MILLBURY, MASS.

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 7, 2022 | Time: 6:30 P.M. | via Zoom Meeting

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

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

Conservation Commission reorganization for FY23

Mr. Raymond made the motion to keep the board in the current positions, which is as follows:

Mr. Stead- Chairman

Mr. Weagle- Vice Chairman

Mr. DiCicco- Clerk

Motion to approve re-organization as above made by Mr. Raymond seconded by Mr. Weagle. All in favor, motion approved.

Minutes-

In a review of minutes from meeting on June 1, 2022, no issues found. Mr. Stead noted the minutes from meeting on July 7, 2022 needed an edit within the mention of the invoice for MACC. Review of minutes from meeting on August 23, 2022 needed a correction of the end time of the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes with corrections were made by Mr. Raymond, seconded by Mr. DiCicco. All in favor, motion approved.

Mail-

Numerous mail items were read. All mail is in the office if anyone wants to review. Included were bills for approval from C&S Lumber for the Trails Committee and an updated invoice from MACC that included town staff's memberships.

Public Hearing- Amended Order of Conditions Request National Grid V174 Transmission Line (DEP# 224-0823)

Dan Herzlinger, Project Manager for TRC, speaking on behalf of National Grid, noted their original Order of Conditions from July 2021 had a pole location change that required them to request an Amended Order of Conditions. The pole had a slight move in placement approx. 30 feet to the NW. The anticipated start of work is May 2023 and afterwards they will request a Certificate of Completion for this project. Motion made by Mr. Raymond to issue an Amended Order of Conditions seconded by Mr. DiCicco. All in favor, motion approved.

Public Hearing- Notice of Intent- DEP# 224-0840 Brian McGloin

289 West Main Street- various Renovation Work

John Federico, Project Engineer from Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. representing the applicant, submitted a Notice of Intent for the renovation of existing single family home on property along with construction of a new approved septic system, a new deck and grading. Ramshorn Brook is on the property and will be protected should they become close. Mr. Stead asked that a special condition be added onto the conditions to state that native plants will be planted within the disturbed Buffer Zone and the applicant shall in the plans show the vegetation on an as built plan that will need to be submitted before requesting a Certificate of Compliance. A motion to close public hearing was made by Mr. DiCicco, seconded by Mr. Raymond. All in favor, motion approved. A motion to issue an Order of Conditions was made by Mr. Keddy, seconded by Mr. DiCicco. All in favor, motion approved.

Public Hearing- Notice of Intent Westec Drive LLC & IDIAM LLC/ John Direnzo 135, 137, 139 & 141 Worcester- Providence Tpke

Glenn Krevosky of EBT Environmental Consultants, Inc. represented the applicant, John Direnzo. Applicant purchased an old furniture building neighboring his current building on Worc- Prov Tpke to house a new body shop/repair shop. Within submission is a project description of scope of work to be done. Mr. DiCicco made a site visit to look at the location and get some general bearings on location. At this time this will be continued to the next Conservation meeting on September 21, 2022 at 6:30pm as no DEP# has been issued. Motion to continue Public Hearing to 9/21/2022 made by Mr. DiCicco seconded by Mr. Raymond. All in favor, motion approved.

Public Hearing- ANRAD

Hammersmith Homes LLC- Lori Venincasa

McGrath Road lots 7, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 & 39

Andrew Thibault, Environmental Scientist from Goddard Consulting, LLC, represented the applicant, Lori Venincasa. This was an approved project from 2016, no work had started and permits have expired. Same owners are back to get approval with new plans. The area is now very overgrown. Abutter Katherine Fairbanks of McGrath Road had many concerns about the project. Ms. Fairbanks stated she has photos of wetland that are directly on what plans presented show as project work sites. Ms. Fairbank asked the Commission to utilize their consultant to look over this project and she voiced her concern with the applicant as potential builders of future project on this site. Mr. Stead intervened and said that this meeting was not to discuss the builders, discussion should be limited to the ANRAD before the Commission. Mr. DiCicco made a motion to have a consultant review, seconded by Mr. Weagle. All in favor, motion approved. At this time there isn't a DEP# issued so Mr. Raymond made the motion to continue to the next meeting on September 21, 2022 at 6:30pm, this was seconded by Mr. Weagle. All in favor, motion approved.

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Riverlin Street lots 38-63, 38-67, 39-1, 46-92, 31-28

Andrew Thibault, Environmental Scientist from Goddard Consulting, LLC, represented the applicant, Lori Venincasa. This property borders the Deering Estate land on Riverlin Street and in the area of Brightside Avenue. There were multiple abutters present both in person and via ZOOM, all of whom have many concerns about this project. Mr. Thibault gave a brief overview of plans that have been submitted. Many of the neighbors from Brightside Avenue had concerns about the road and how it will handle the trucks and construction equipment brought in, and if their properties will have any

direct impacts. They all had concerns, noting it's a very narrow road. They also had many question in regard to the zoning in the area. Mr. Stead noted these questions would be answered before a development project was approved by any board. Katherine Fairbanks, McGrath Rd, urged again that a consultant on this project as well should be brought in to review project. Mr. Weagle made the motion to have a consultant advise the Commission on this project, seconded by Mr. Raymond. All in favor, unanimous. Mr. Thibault had no objections to this. At this time, a DEP# has not been issued for project so Mr. Raymond made the motion to continue this to the next scheduled meeting on September 21, 2022 at 6:30pm and was seconded by Mr. Weagle. All in favor, motion approved.

Public Hearing- Notice of Intent

Timothy Driscoll- West Main Street, Map 78, Lot 10A

Steve Boskavitch from Land Planning Inc. represented the applicant, Timothy Driscoll. The NOI is for the building of a single-family dwelling with a two car garage, a driveway and utilities. Project site has been flagged by Land Planning, water/sewer are present, and a rain garden will be used to capture stormwater runoff. The project has no DEP# issued at this time, Mr. Raymond made the motion to continue to the next scheduled meeting on September 21, 2022 at 6:30pm and this was seconded by Mr. Keddy. All in favor, motion approved.

Other Business:

Request for Certificate of Compliance for 281 West Main Street, DEP# 224-0569

Mr. McCormack noted the original project was never completed. 281 West Main Street has been subdivided from the original parcel. This partial Certificate of Compliance is only for 281 West Main Street, where no wetlands are present. A motion to issue Certificate of Compliance was made by Mr. Raymond, seconded by Mr. DiCicco. All in favor, motion approved.

Public Meeting- Request for Determination of Applicability Millbury Landfill Solar LLC

207 Riverlin Street

Rob Bukowski from Weston & Sampson Engineers, INC spoke on behalf of project. This is a solar project to be constructed on the cap of a closed landfill. There is a gravel pathway to the area of project which will be upgraded to gravel to handle the equipment during construction time. The project does go within the 100' Buffer Zone on the Northern edge but the area impacted is currently cared for with protections. The solar system will occupy 4.7 acres on the capped landfill top. Mr. Stead asked if the project will in any way interfere with neighbors WIFI signals as its high on a hill and was told there have been no known issues with other projects like this on similar landscapes. It was noted by Mr. Bukowski that battery housing for the project are all above ground. There were no other questions from the Commission. A motion to issue a negative determination for the project was made by Mr. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Keddy, All in favor, motion approved.

Brierly Pond- Mr. McCormack noted the office has received a few calls for information on boat usage on Brierly Pond. The pond is owned by the Conservation Commission. Mr. McCormack had called a few local towns and got some feedback from them. Callers were looking to see if a policy could be drawn and approved for use of small trolling motors, non-gas motors. A letter was received from a neighbor asking as well about a policy. The Commission agreed to a policy of the use of non-motorized boats and electric motors under 6mph. Conor will be drawing up a policy and at the next Conservation meeting the policy will be reviewed and voted upon.

Bill Graham Lane- Land Donation- A resident on that street has come to the Conservation office and expressed interest in donating to the Conservation Commission land behind their house. The land abuts up the Millbury Branch railroad tracks. It is primarily wetlands and not buildable. An ANR plan to divide the property would need to go before the Planning Board and be recorded. There would also need to be surveys done to separate from the residents existing land plot. The Conservation members were very happy and excited for this donation. A motion to approve funds to do this were made by Mr. DiCicco and seconded by Mr. Raymond. All in favor, motion approved. A thank you from the town was said by all.

Next Meeting- Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 6:30P.M.

Mr. DiCicco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Raymond. All in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

GCKIC Schold

Jackie Schold, Clerk

Millbury Conservation Commission

Ronald Stead

Paul/DiCicco

Jeff Raymond

Christopher Weagle

Raymond Keddy