

MINUTES

Millbury Conservation Commission

Date: March 04, 2015

15 APR 16 PM 12:13 Time: 7:00 PM

Present: Donald Flynn, Ron Stead, Anthony Cameron, Paul DiCiccio
Absent: Mathew Ashmankas

Chairman, Donald Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. [times of public hearings are advertised times]

MAIL: Chairman Flynn read a letter from Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection authorizing the Mass DOT-Highway Division, to perform dredging pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91 and its regulations 310 CMR 9.00. Dredging will be conducted within the waters of Dorothy Pond as part of the Waterways Application No. W14-4291D/ Permit No. 13852. The proposed project will restore water quality, circulation and enhance fish and wildlife habitat. Chairman Flynn credited the work of the Dorothy Pond Association, Conservation Commission and the Department of Public Works for comments and input with this project.

Chairman Flynn and Commissioners reviewed an email and pictures received from the Millbury DPW Director regarding the installation of a temporary utility pole for temporary traffic signals so the Town can open the South Main Street bridge to alternating lanes of traffic. Chairman Flynn noted that there will be little to no disturbance of soils other than grinding of stumps. The DPW Director will leave the stumps as is until they can grind them down and properly loam and seed the area to protect from any erosion.

NEW BUSINESS:

RICHARD RUDMAN CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

The Conservation Commission received a request for a Certificate of Compliance for work done per OOC# 224-0728 at 49 Singletary Road, Millbury.

A Certificate of Compliance was approved and issued.

7:15 P.M. TOWN OF MILLBURY PUBLIC HEARING

Town of Millbury
Notice of Intent
Wedgewood Lane

Document used:
"Wedgewood Lane Reconstruction" dated January 15, 2015, prepared by Chappel Engineering Associates, LLC, 201 Boston Post Road West, Suite 101, Marlboro MA.

Chairman Flynn opened the public hearing. Rob McNeil, Millbury Department of Public Works Director, spoke on behalf of this project. This is a road reconstruction project of approximately 1300 feet off South Oxford Road which will improve pavement and solve current drainage issues. With the proposed improvements, the intent is not to disrupt driveways, grading of yards or drainage patterns that currently exist.

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Rob stated there are two discharges in the buffer zone. One is a collection basin that feeds drainage that discharges behind the Elie property which created a channel behind the property. EcoTec Environmental Consulting Services confirmed that there are no wetlands in this area that it is simply discharge following the contour of land discharging surface and ground water. This project consists of replacing catch basins with deep sump basins for better water quality. In addition, the Town will obtain easements from homeowners not previously on record.

At the cul de sac, there is drainage that discharges significantly into the Wetlands. There is a corrugated metal pipe that extends over 100 feet to the Wetlands at a flat grade. The pipe is rotted and full of sand and debris. This area previously has damaged the homeowner's property. Deep sump catch basins will be installed on the property so that drainage is collected properly. Cape cod berm will be installed along the roadway which will direct water to the catch basins which will reduce the volume currently coming out of the end of Wedgewood Lane. There will be a reduction of impervious pavement, removal of the pipe out to the Wetlands and create a modern discharge. The Town will maintain the infrastructure going forward.

Chairman Flynn said that he did a site visit and concurs with the characterization of the project and that there is only one area of concern for the Conservation Commission. He noted that the new catch basins would be a significant improvement and eliminate the silt and sand that was previously deposited in the area of the cul de sac.

Ron Stead asked when the project will happen. Rob said that the Roadway Advisory has this project in their plans, however, due to funding he could not provide a specific timeline.

Chairman Flynn said that he would like some effort along the pipe to replace soils that were removed and restore vegetation in the area disturbing the area as little as possible. Ron Stead inquired as to what the Wetland was like. Mr. McNeil said that approximately forty-three feet of pipe is at or above grade. There is currently no cover on the pipe. The intent is to minimize impact as much as possible, separate the pipe and drag it out. He further stated that the intent is to stockpile soils on site, install discharge and repopulate with Wetlands soils.

Paul DiCicco asked if there would be disturbance to homeowners. Mr. McNeil said that easements would be put in place for future maintenance. Ron Stead asked if the Wetland is in its natural state. Mr. McNeil stated it is a red maple swamp area but noted there has not been any dumping of debris, yard waste, etc., in this area.

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Bob Watkins, a resident on Wedgewood Lane voiced his concerns that the existing cul de sac is proposed to be replaced with a Yshape roadway configuration. He noted a public safety concern for emergency vehicles to be able to maneuver in the roadway.

Mr. McNeil said he has received design approval from the fire chief. Mr. McNeil recognizes there will be removal of substantial amount of pavement, however the project will help with drainage and there will be an opportunity to plant green space. He will continue to have dialog with homeowners on this topic. Chairman Flynn stated that this issue is outside of the purview of the Commission.

Paul DiCicco inquired as to snow removal with the new road configuration. Mr. McNeil states that there was less pavement to plow which frees up space to store snow. Don Flynn stated that one of the Commissioners' mandates is to reduce pollution to the Wetland areas. Less snow that is pushed back will provide less pollution. The catch basin will catch roadway drainage and collect run off from melting snow. Don also noted that the crushed stone landscaped replacement area is an improvement to the system.

A resident, Paul Plante asked who will maintain the edge of the cul de sac. Mr. McNeil stated that in the crescent shaped piece they will place crushed stone and loam and seed. Mr. McNeil further stated that he will work with the engineer so that the profile of the road remains the same. The new curb system will keep water off the edge to gutter down the road. The Town will ensure there is a lip at each homeowner's driveway. Mr. McNeil will continue ongoing conversation with the homeowner's to address any concerns not pertaining to Conservation.

Ron Stead motioned to close the hearing; seconded by Anthony Cameron; voted unanimously.

An Order of Conditions will be issued and conditioned accordingly.

OLD BUSINESS:

Forestry Management Brierly Pond Conservation Area

Bill Berthiaume, a local arborist reached out to the Conservation Clerk that he would like to provide his professional opinion to the Commission about forestry management at Brierly Conservation Area. Chairman Flynn recommended that the Clerk provide a copy of the current management plan for his review and invite Mr. Berthiaume to attend the March 18, 2015 meeting.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

General discussion followed with regard to a quorum of upcoming meetings due to vacation schedules. Please notify the Clerk in advance if unable to attend upcoming meetings.

Commissioners reviewed the revised Orders of Conditions master list. Please provide any changes or updates to the Clerk.

Ron Stead motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.; seconded by Paul DiCicco; voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

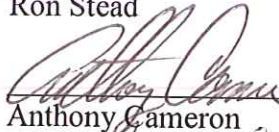


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Ron Stead



Anthony Cameron



Paul DiCicco

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Agenda

- 7:00 P.M. Mail, Minutes, Vouchers
- 7:15 P.M. Town of Millbury
Notice of Intent
Wedgewood Lane - full depth reconstruction of existing public roadway
surface including drainage structures on Wedgewood Lane

OLD BUSINESS:

Forestry Management of Brierly Pond Conservation Area

NEW BUSINESS:

Richard Rudman Request for Certificate of Compliance Re: OOC #224-0728
Site: 49 Singletary Road
Work: repair stone wall/ramp

All business not reasonably anticipated to be discussed
Note: Agenda subject to change without notice

MILLBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SIGN IN SHEET

3/4/15

NAME	ADDRESS
PAUL PLANT	9 WEDGEWOOD LN
Dorrie Elie	7 Wedgewood Lane
Cheryl Olinovik	13 Wedgewood Lane
Glad Matkins	17 Wedgewood Lane
Bob Stubbins	
Kristy Anderson	4 Wedgewood Ln
Jane & Dave Millgard	10 Wedgewood
Matt Anderson	4 Wedgewood Ln