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Millbury Conservation Commission

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Time: 7:00 PM

Date: April 15, 2015

Present: Ron Stead, Mathew Ashmankas, Anthony Cameron, Paul DiCicco

Absent: Donald Flynn

Vice-Chairman, Ron Stead called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. [times of public hearings are advertised times]

7:00 P.M.

BRIERLY POND PHASE II

LAND ACCEPTANCE

Laurie Connors, Town Planner came before the Commissioners for acceptance of a gift of land to the Town from John Burns, developer at Brierly Pond Phase I and Phase II. Mr. Burns is donating 20.7 acres of land for conservation and passive recreation purposes. Ms. Connors also noted that it is necessary to start Phase I of the stewardship/forestry plan. This land is also adjacent to approximately 100 acres of Town owned land and is an added bonus for Millbury. Mat Ashmankas thanked Laurie for her hard work.

Mat Ashmankas made a motion to accept the gift of land described in Exhibit A, which is part of the foregoing deed, for conservation purposes pursuant to MA General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, granted from Brierly Pond Realty, LLC. The land is acquired for conservation and passive recreation purposes, and shall be subject to Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution. Motion seconded by Anthony Cameron; voted unanimously.

7:00 P.M.

HAILEY MAYNARD

INFORMAL MEETING

Hailey Maynard, along with two Millbury High School students participating in an Envirothon competition with the topic of climate change, appeared before the Commissioners to ask questions on this subject matter.

Hailey asked what does Conservation focuses on? Ron Stead stated the Commission protects the environment and our natural resources such as ponds, lakes, rivers and wetlands. Any activity or work performed within these areas must be done in a certain way with conditions placed such as erosion control. Hailey asked if weather affects the Commissioners' job? Paul DiCicco stated that rain can affect projects. Mat Ashmankas said there could be multiple inspections at a site. A project can change day to day due to impact of rain and water running off into wetlands. Ron Stead added that large rain events could cause flooding. Snow also needs to be stored in designated areas on certain properties. Paul DiCicco also noted that large rain or snow events could impact species.

Hailey inquired if climate affects wildlife? Mat Ashmankas said certain species could live or die due to climate change. Change in climate could affect animals either positively or negatively. In deep snow certain animals expend a lot of energy navigating through it. In other cases, small mammals find shelter and protection from the snow.

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Hailey's final question was if the Commissioners noticed more problems this year than last year? Mat Ashmankas stated that some projects didn't happen due to the weather conditions. Ron Stead also mentioned that previously there have been issues with the beaver population flooding out neighbors' properties from damming. Tony Cameron stated that Ramshorn Dam was breached due to the beaver population. Ron Stead foresees that Towns will create committees to set various regulations to deal with climate change in particular areas.

The Commissioners complimented the students with their studies on current issues. It was also noted that the students do have access to MACC website and can contact the Commissioners or Clerk at any time via email if further assistance is needed with the competition.

7:15 P.M.
LANDSCAPING
ETC. INC.
CONTINUANCE

Landscaping Etc., Inc.
Notice of Intent - Continuance
145 Providence Street

Vice-Chairman Stead opened the hearing. The Commissioners received an email from Scott Morrison, RPSS of EcoTec, Inc., representing the applicant, Landscaping Etc. Inc. requesting to withdraw the Notice of Intent application for 145 Providence Street.

Mat Ashmankas made a motion to accept the withdrawal as presented; seconded by Paul DiCicco; voted unanimously.

Paul DiCicco made a motion to close the hearing; seconded by Anthony Cameron; voted unanimously.

7:20 P.M.
EDWARD
SANTON
PUBLIC HEARING

Edward Santon
Notice of Intent
147 Providence Street

Document used:

"Millbury Self Storage" Commercial Development revision date April 9, 2015, prepared by Andrews Engineering Associates, Inc., PO Box 312, 104 Mendon Street, Uxbridge, MA01569.

Vice-Chairman Stead opened the hearing. Steve O'Connell from Andrews Engineering represented the applicant. Mr. O'Connell provided a general overview of the project. The project is before the Planning Board to construct a self storage facility. This is a redevelopment project where some vegetation had been cleared previously. Some area has been filled in, however, based on soil samples, the area has been that way for some time. One will enter the facility with a gate and key pad and storage will be in a secured area. Some units will be climate controlled. Ed Santon has paid attention to detail and wants a quality project.

A wetland scientist has delineated the wetlands. Providence Street is level near the street but slopes to the resource area to the edge of the Blackstone River. There will be no new disturbance to that area. Stormwater will be collected through catch basins collecting surface and roof runoff. There will be three underground infiltration systems. Stormwater

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overflow will accommodate more than a one hundred year storm. The design will maintain hydrologic flow to the wetlands. There will be additional tree plantings making the site more stable. Mr. Santon has also made architectural accommodations to honor the site.

Ron Stead inquired about sewer on site. Mr. O'Connell stated that they were working with Landscaping Etc. Inc. to run water and sewer, however due to the withdrawal of LEI's Notice of Intent, Mr. Santon will install septic and a well. Mr. O'Connell estimates flow at 75 gallons per day. The septic is being designed to handle 200 gallons of flow per day per MA DEP Title V standards. There will be two leaching trenches.

Mr. O'Connell will provide Commissioners with updated plans as noted at the Planning Board. They are making some accommodations as a result of a recent tech review with regard to Fire Department access. Anthony Cameron asked if there was an access road behind the building. Mr. O'Connell stated that there is walking only behind the building but the Fire Department is agreeable to it. Anthony Cameron asked how tall the retaining walls are in the back of the building. Mr. O'Connell replied five feet.

Mr. O'Connell also stated that there are snow storage areas identified on the site. If snow storage is full, snow would be removed from the site. Mr. O'Connell identified the snow storage site on the plan. Mr. O'Connell also indicated that there will be a landscaped island and assured Commissioner they will not use wetland sensitive areas.

Paul DiCicco asked if there would be security cameras. Mr. O'Connell said yes. Mat Ashmankas asked what is subsurface below the snow storage on the North side. Mr. O'Connell said grassed area. Paul DiCicco asked if there would be any oil storage on site. The site will utilize natural gas. Mr. Santon stated that solar will be installed and that will power the heat pump.

Michael Wood, a resident who lives in Sutton raised concern about possible runoff and contamination going into the Blackstone. Vice-Chairman Stead stated that was the Commission's concern as well. Mr. O'Connell stated that salt deteriorates pavement and the applicant would like to reduce salt use as well. In addition, the snow storage is localized outside of the buffer zone. Mr. Wood asked if there were oil from cars or a fuel spill, would the plan cover that as well. Ron Stead stated the owner is obligated to address such issues. Mr. O'Connell said the catch basins have oil hoods and oil stays on the surface and cannot get out of the outlet. This is required as part of meeting all stormwater standards. Mat Ashmankas inquired about any overflow at the outflow. Mr. O'Connell stated the area will have rip rap and scour protection.

Anthony Cameron asked about an operation and maintenance plan. An operation and maintenance plan has been given to Conservation as well as the stormwater prevention plan. Anthony Cameron asked what happens if the basins get clogged. Mr. O'Connell indicated that parts will be inspected as part of the maintenance plan to address such issues.

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Ron Stead asked how many storage units will be constructed. Mr. O'Connell said 200. Mat Ashmankas asked what is the elevation of the pads. Mr. O'Connell pointed to sheet C6, elevation 348.12 which is ten feet above flood stage.

Paul DiCicco made a motion to close the hearing; seconded by Mathew Ashmankas; voted unanimously

An Order of Conditions will be issued and conditioned accordingly.

7:30 P.M.

STEVE LONG/BORREGO SOLAR

INFORMAL MEETING

Steve Long from Borrego Solar was present to discuss with the Commissioners a minor modification to the plan that was previously accepted and conditioned under DEP transmittal # 224-0725. Steve stated that the driveway crosses wetlands. The change to the existing plan is to connect underground electric from inverters to four poles. National Grid is requiring four poles overhead which will connect to underground. The poles that were previously overhead in the easement are now underground within the easement. Steve noted that there will only be sixty feet underground and the work will be completed in one day. The area is approximately eighty-five feet from the wetland and additional silt fence will be put in place adjacent to the trench for added protection. Vice-Chairman Stead asked the Commissioners what their position was with regard to the Notice of Intent and conditions previously placed. Anthony Cameron stated this work is a minor change and hay bales and silt fencing will be in place for erosion control.

Paul DiCicco made a motion to accept the modifications as a minor change with no additional conditions needed; seconded by Mathew Ashmankas; voted unanimously.

7:45 P.M.

STEPHEN EKSTROM

58 RIVERLIN STREET

INFORMAL MEETING

Stephen Ekstrom of 58 Riverlin Street came before the Commissioners to discuss construction of a 24' x 32' garage attached to the existing single family house. The existing grade to the intermittent stream is approximately fifty-four inches. The intent is to build the garage on the back part of the driveway. There will be approximately a four foot excavation for the frost wall with an eight foot total excavation area. There will not be a cellar in the garage. Paul DiCicco conducted a site visit and noted that the area by the stream is well maintained by Mr. Ekstrom.

After general discussion of the project, Ron Stead stated that due to the close proximity of the project to the intermittent stream and wetland, Mr. Ekstrom will need to file a Notice of Intent. All Commissioners concurred. Mr. Ekstrom will contact the Clerk for process on filing a Notice of Intent.

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8:00 P.M.

JEFFREY &

CHERYLVASSAR

PUBLIC HEARING

Cheryl Vassar

Notice of Intent

126 Grafton Street

Vice Chairman, Ron Stead opened the hearing. This project is for the construction of a house and associated grading and drainage within the 100' buffer zone. Ron Stead noted that this project was previously approved and conditioned, however the Notice of Intent expired. The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Compliance to close out the original Notice. The applicant has filed a new Notice of Intent indicating that the original project scope previously approved has not changed. General discussion followed. It was brought to the Commissioners' attention that a new transmittal number had not yet been received from MA DEP on this filing. Ron Stead noted that the hearing could not be closed without the transmittal number and would have to be continued.

Mat Ashmankas made a motion to continue the hearing to May 6, 2015 at 7:15 p.m.; Anthony Cameron seconded; voted unanimously

JEFFREY & CHERYL VASSAR

CERTIFICATE OF

COMPLIANCE

The Conservation Commission received a request for a Certificate of Compliance for work done per OOC# 224-0629 at 126 Grafton Street, Millbury.

Mat Ashmankas made a motion to grant a Certificate of Compliance; Paul DiCicco seconded; voted unanimously.

A Certificate of Compliance was approved and issued.

OLD BUSINESS:

Earth Day Activities

The Clerk reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming Earth Day cleanup at Brierly Pond Conservation Area scheduled for April 29, 2015 with a rain date of May 1, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Some students from Millbury High School as well as residents at Brierly Pond are among the volunteers for the scheduled cleanup. The Millbury DPW is providing gloves and bags and will remove debris that is collected.

Conservation Resources Map

The Commissioners received an updated Conservation Resources Map created by Matthew Franz of Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission along with assistance from Town Planner, Laurie Connors and the Conservation Clerk. This work was at no cost to the Conservation Commission. The map will be posted on the website.

NEW BUSINESS:

TOWN OF MILLBURY

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OOC

The Conservation Commission received a request for a three year Extension for Order of Conditions #224-298 for work performed at Dorothy Pond.

An Extension was approved and issued.

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MINUTES: Anthony Cameron made a motion to accept the minutes of February 18, 2015; seconded by Paul DiCicco; Three members in favor; Mathew Ashmankas abstained; motion carried

Paul DiCicco made a motion to accept the minutes of March 4, 2014; seconded by Anthony Cameron; Three members in favor; Mathew Ashmankas abstained; motion carried

VOUCHERS: Expense voucher for office supplies approved and signed.
Expense voucher for contribution of \$50.00 to Blackstone River Watershed Association was approved and signed.

GARY DILEO CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

The Conservation Commission was notified that work at 4 Rayburn Drive is complete per OOC#224-422 and a Certificate of Compliance was requested. Work was completed in 2002.

Mathew Ashmankas made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance pending a site visit; Anthony Cameron seconded; voted unanimously.

A Certificate of Compliance was approved and issued.

MAIL: The Conservation Commission received a letter from TEC Associates regarding the Providence & Worcester Railroad 2015 Vegetation Control Program.

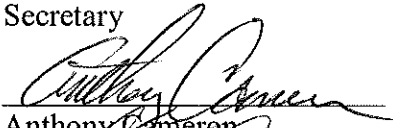
The Commission received a letter from TEC Associates regarding the Keolis Commuter Services, LLC outlining the 2015 Vegetation Control Program.

The Vice Chairman read an email regarding an upcoming MEPA consultation session to be held on Friday, April 17, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the small conference room at Millbury Town Hall to discuss the Ramshorn Pond Dam Rehabilitation project. Ron Stead is planning on attending that meeting.

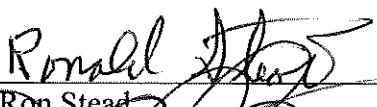
Mathew Ashmankas motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.; seconded by Paul DiCicco; voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Desorcy
Secretary


Anthony Cameron


Paul DiCicco


Ron Stead


Mathew Ashmankas

CONSERVATION COMMISSION



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Agenda

- 7:00 P.M. Mail, Minutes, Vouchers
- 7:00 P.M. Laurie Connors, Planner
Brierly Pond Village Phase II Land Acceptance
- 7:00 P.M. Hailey Maynard
Informal Meeting – to discuss Envirothon competition
- 7:15 P.M. Landscaping Etc, Inc.
Notice of Intent - Continuance - request to withdraw
145 Providence Street
- 7:20 P.M. Edward Santon
Notice of Intent
147 Providence Street - construction of self storage facility, associated site
work and stormwater controls
- 7:30 P.M. Steve Long/Borrego Solar
Informal Meeting - to discuss modifications to Borrego Solar Systems
Project - OOC#224-0722
- 7:45 P.M. Stephen Eckstrom
Informal Meeting - to discuss construction of a 24' x 32' garage at
58 Riverlin Street
- 8:00 P.M. Cheryl Vassar
Notice of Intent
126 Grafton Street - construction of a duplex house and associated work

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OLD BUSINESS:

Earth Day Activities

Conservation Resources Map

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeffrey & Cheryl Vassar Request for Certificate of Compliance Re: OOC#224-629
Site: 126 Grafton Street
Work: construction of a house and associated grading and
drainage

Town of Millbury Request for Extension for OOC #224-298
Site: Dorothy Pond

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

