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Millbury Conservation Commission

Date: September 6, 2017

Time: 7:00 PM

Present: Donald Flynn, Anthony Cameron, Paul DiCicco

Absent: Ronald Stead, Mat Ashmankas

Chairman Flynn opened the meeting at 7:00 PM [times of public hearings are advertised times]

MINUTES The members looked over and signed minutes from March 1, 2017.

7:05 P.M. Daniel Mezynski
Notice of Intent - Continued
256 Riverlin Street, Lot 1 – Construct a common driveway and utilities
Bob Murphy of Robert G. Murphy & Associates, Inc. was present for the applicant. Mr. Murphy explained that the original plan was to have a common driveway but has since been revised. Mr. Murphy said the DEP in the past has been in favor of common driveways but it has come to light that the Planning Board is against it. Mr. Murphy said the new plan has the same amount of filling of wetlands as the original plan. Chairman Flynn asked if the replication area will be approximately 800 sf. Mr. Murphy said a little bit more will be replicated to make sure there is enough. Mr. Murphy stated that a 48 inch culvert will be submerged so small critters can move along the stream. Paul DiCicco asked if the only pavement will be the driveway. Mr. Murphy said it will be a gravel driveway. Mr. Murphy said the sequence of construction is to provide erosion controls and to clear the land, the land slopes and they will be cutting into it. Chairman Flynn asked what is being done with the soil being removed. Mr. Murphy said it will remain on the property as fill. Chairman Flynn asked if gravel will be imported. Mr. Murphy said crushed stone and gravel will be brought in for about 100 ft. of the driveway. Chairman Flynn asked if the culvert will be installed in stone. Mr. Murphy said it will be in a ¾ inch crushed stone. Anthony Cameron asked where the water from the driveway will go. Mr. Murphy said there is an existing gravel berm. Chairman Flynn asked if the driveway could be brought up a bit to slow the flow of the driveway runoff. Mr. Murphy said that can be done. Anthony Cameron asked if the Notice of Intent should be revised due to the change of plans, pointing out that pages 2 and 3 should be corrected. Chairman Flynn stated that DEP was looking for a water quality certification. Mr. Murphy said a waiver is given stating that nothing other than the 800 s.f. will be filled in. Anthony Cameron asked how the commission will know that the water quality certification is done. Mr. Murphy said they have to provide that to the commission. Anthony Cameron said he would like a continuance until all corrections have been made. Mr. Murphy said that would be ok. Anthony Cameron made a motion to continue the hearing until September 20th at 7:05pm; Paul DiCicco seconded; voted unanimously.

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7:15 P.M. Brian & Susan Larosee
Notice of Intent - Continued
80 MacArthur Drive – Construct a new home with driveway and utilities
Susan Larosee of 77 MacArthur Drive was present. Susan explained that the last hearing was continued due to concerns with street runoff. Susan said that the DPW was contacted and stated that the town will fix the problem by installing a berm. Chairman Flynn asked Susan to inform him of the last meeting. Susan said that the plans were revised to include a drywell & swale to prevent runoff from their driveway. Susan said the town's plan is to

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install a berm to redirect the water to storm drains. Chairman Flynn said he did not see any problems as long as the drywell is installed.

Rodney Finne, Sr. of 78 MacArthur Drive was present. Paul DiCicco asked Mr. Finne if he was satisfied with the outcome from the DPW. Mr. Finne said that he was.

Paul DiCicco said he did not have any further questions or comments. Chairman Flynn asked Anthony Cameron if he had anymore comments. Anthony Cameron said it is pretty straight forward. Paul DiCicco made a motion to close the hearing; Anthony Cameron seconded; voted unanimously.

7:20 P.M.

MassDOT

Request for Determination of Applicability

Blackstone River Bike Path - Treat invasive plants along the entire path

Tara Mitchell from MassDOT Landscape Design Section was present Ms. Mitchell said that by spraying the plants it will control the growth. Paul DiCicco asked what happens with the dead plants. Ms. Mitchell said they will be left there to decay. Chairman Flynn asked how the non-invasive species are going to be protected. Ms. Mitchell said it is pretty widespread with the invasive plants. Paul DiCicco asked why it will need to be done other years. Ms. Mitchell said the plants do not die with just one application. Paul DiCicco asked if the spraying will be done through the fence. Ms. Mitchell said it will be done from the bike path side of the fence. Ms. Mitchell stated that the majority of the plants are on the Worcester side of the path. Ms. Mitchell said that the purpose is to eradicate the invasive species. Anthony Cameron asked if the area will be posted with signs indicating that the spraying will be done. Ms. Mitchell said the contractor will take care of that. Chairman Flynn said that notices should be posted until the first rain to warn the public. Paul DiCicco asked where the complaints came from. Ms. Mitchell said from the public. Anthony Cameron made a motion for a negative determination; Paul DiCicco seconded; voted unanimously.

7:25 P.M.

Robert Carr

Notice of Intent

266 Main Street – Construct a registered marijuana dispensary with associated paved driveways, parking, grading, drainage, landscaping and utilities

Eric Bazzett from Heritage Design was present for the applicant. Eric said the site is approximately 9 acres with an intermittent stream and some vegetated wetlands. Eric said that a couple of buildings that were on the site have been torn down and that removal of existing pavement is proposed. Eric stated that they will be keeping most of the project out of the buffer zone; the only thing that is within it is the rain garden and straw wattles will be used for erosion controls. Chairman Flynn asked what the long term intention is for the area where the pavement is being removed. Eric said it will be brought back to its natural vegetation. Chairman Flynn stated there were concerns about the runoff coming down the hill. Eric said the runoff will be directed to the rain garden. Paul DiCicco asked if another rain garden could be installed to help with the runoff from the hill. Eric said that runoff will collect in the storm drains. Paul DiCicco said another rain garden could help with limiting the runoff into the town drains. Chairman Flynn suggested that some kind of swale be placed on the west side of the building.

Bob Carr of Nature's Remedy was present. Mr. Carr said that he is concerned that if they start digging they will hit ledge. Paul DiCicco said he would like to see a swale that directs the runoff from the hill to the rain garden or Chairman Flynn suggested that they make the rain garden a little bit bigger to be able to take on the extra water. Paul DiCicco asked when the project is to start. Bob said that the hope was before winter but does not

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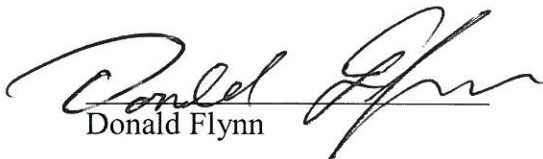
think that will happen unless the weather cooperates. Chairman Flynn asked how the stream is going to be protected during the pavement removal. Eric said the gravel underneath is pretty sandy and should not run off but they will put erosion controls into their plans. Eric said that they would like to request for a continuation. Anthony Cameron made a motion to continue the hearing until October 18, 2017 at 7:05; Paul DiCicco seconded; voted unanimously.

Anthony Cameron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 P.M.; Paul DiCicco seconded; voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann M Swanson
Secretary


Anthony Cameron
Paul DiCicco
Donald Flynn

Ronald Stead

Mat Ashmankas