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Millbury Conservation Commission

Date: March 28, 2018

Time: 7:00 PM

Present: Donald Flynn, Ronald Stead, Paul DiCicco, Mat Ashmankas

Absent: Anthony Cameron

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

Chairman Flynn read mail received from Keolis Commuter Services regarding their Yearly Operational Plan.

Chairman Flynn read mail received from the Blackstone River Watershed Association regarding the Annual Earth Day Cleanup.

7:05 P.M.

Millbury Self Storage

Notice of Intent

147 Providence Street – Expansion of existing self-storage facility

Eric Bazzett from Heritage Design Group was present for the applicant. Chairman Flynn instructed the members that this project is in the riverfront area. Eric said the owner purchased more land and would like to build 3 more buildings. Eric informed the members that no building will be done in the power company right of way. Eric said the existing entrance will be used. Eric explained that the area is a previously altered area and that restoration will take place with loam & conservation wildlife mix. Eric said they postponed their hearing with the Planning Board until comments come back from the power company and would like to request a continuation. Don asked about the alternatives analysis. Eric said it is a balance with the stormwater management and the size of the building. Eric said the project is redevelopment because the land is previously disturbed and that this is a separate project from the original, with its own alteration & restoration percentages. Ron asked how the restoration came out on the first project. Eric said his company did not do the work on it. Ron asked where on the plan the floodplain is. Eric highlighted the area. Paul asked where the snow storage will be. Eric said the power company didn't want it in the right of way so it will be moved. Paul asked if there will be a buffer between the road and the facility. Eric said the landscaping will be in between. Don asked how the erosion control decision will be made. Eric said if the members have a preference they can do that. Ron made a motion to continue the hearing until May 2, 2018 at 7:05pm; Mat seconded; voted unanimously.

7:15 P.M.

Pinecrest Baptist Church

Notice of Intent

71 McCracken Road – Construction of a 4,800 sq. ft. church

The Chairman read an email from John Grenier asking for the hearing to be continued to April 18, 2018. Ron made a motion to continue the hearing until April 18, 2018 at 7:05pm; Paul seconded; voted unanimously.

7:25 P.M.

John Griffin – Wyman-Gordon Company, Inc.

Notice of Intent

1537 Grafton Road – Evaluation of soils in former disposal areas

Timothy Briggs of GZA was present for the applicant. Tim said the project is to investigate a dump site that was used in the 1940s & 50s. Tim said the property abuts

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National Grid and there is a cart path that is going to be used to access the area. Tim explained that test pits were done in 2001 with moderate contaminate levels and that the EPA is asking that further evaluations be done. Tim said there is a lot of concrete and trash that needs to be cleared and that remediation decisions will be made about the area once data results come in. Mat asked if the first phase is to cut down the trees. Tim said yes. Ron asked if this is a multiyear project. Tim said that it will be done by summer. Don asked if there will be a staging area. Tim said yes in the one flat areas. Paul asked if the project is an order from the EPA. Tim said it is being driven by a federal program. Ron asked if the previously tested areas were high in toxins. Tim said about 10,000 tons of fill was shipped to a hazardous waste landfill. Mat asked what the source of the concrete was. Tim said probably an old building. Mat asked if they will be testing for heavy metals. Tim said about 25 percent of the samples will be tested for heavy metals. Ron made a motion to close the hearing; Paul seconded; voted unanimously.

7:35 P.M.

Laura Ernst – New England Power Company

Notice of Intent

Providence Street – Vegetation management, minor grading and temporary swamp mats for the removal of existing utility structures

Alexandra Echandi was present for the applicant. Don read the comments from DEP. Alexandra said permission is being asked to do vegetative management with minor grading in the buffer zone. Alexandra pointed out on the plan where work will be done and said a corner of a wetland will have to be matted to remove a structure. Alexandra explained that access will be from an existing access road. Ron asked if the structures are the old metal structures. Alexandra said yes. Ron asked how long it will take. Alexandra said 1 or 2 per day can be removed. Ron asked how long it has been since they have been used. Alexandra said about 20 years. Don asked how they will be spanning the wetland. Alexandra said swamp mats. Don asked when the project will begin. Alexandra said as soon as possible. Don asked if they will be done soon enough to allow for regrowth. Alexandra said she thought so and that National Grid will reseed. Mat asked why the structures are being taken down. Alexandra said for safety reasons. Mat asked if any fill will be brought in. Alexandra said no and that tree removal debris will be removed. Paul made a motion to close the hearing; Mat seconded; voted unanimously.

Ron told the members about a site visit he did to Jessica J Drive Ext. to release 4 lots. He said the drainage looks perfect. Ron made a motion to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance for lots 7 (4 Moore Drive), 8 (6 Moore Drive), 9 (8 Moore Drive) and 18 (13 Moore Drive); Mat seconded; voted unanimously

Paul informed the members of a site visit he did to 256 Riverlin Street to address a complaint received from a neighbor that the culvert for a new driveway was not low enough to allow the water to flow through. Paul said he would like another member to take a look at it. Don said he would take a look.

Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M.; mat seconded; voted unanimously.

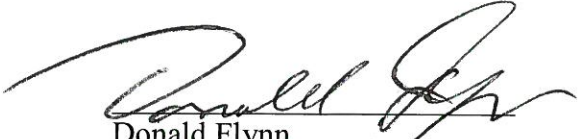
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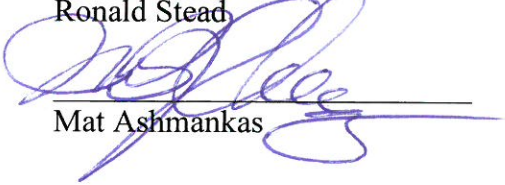
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