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Millbury Conservation Commission

Date: April 4, 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 Planning Director Laurie Connors regarding CMRPC's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Workshop at Asa Waters Mansion May 2, 2018.

7:05 P.M.

Joseph Martin/Pakachoag Acres Day Care Center, Inc.

Notice of Intent

308 Millbury Avenue – Construct a 6,000 s.f. school and day care

David Faist from McClure Engineering was present for the applicant. David told the members that the property is in disrepair and has been vacant for about 30 years. David said there is an intermittent stream on the property with no riverfront area. David informed the members that the existing paved areas will be removed. David said the back portion of the property is in the Aquifer Protection Overlay Area A. Don asked where the aquifer protection area is. David pointed it out. David said a small raingarden will go in the front corner of the property with roof runoff going to the rear of the property. Don asked if the pond will be fenced. Joseph Martin, the property owner, said the children will not have access to the pond. Don asked where snow storage is going. David said in several areas around the parking lot. Don asked if approval has been given from the Planning Board. Joseph said they haven't met with them yet. Don asked what is going to happen around the pond. David said there are a lot of invasive species there. Don said that the members would love to see them removed. Joseph said he has had someone look at the area and the majority can be ripped out without herbicides. Mat said he is concerned with the capacity of the space for snow storage and any chemical treatment that may go into the basins. Joseph said he does not use ice melt in the parking lot just on the sidewalks. David said that the stormwater management plan should have something in it addressing the long term maintenance. Don asked the audience if anyone had any questions but no one did. Ron made a motion to continue the hearing to May 2, 2018 at 7:10pm; Mat seconded; voted unanimously.

7:15 P.M.

Robert Bukowski

Informal

West Main Street – Proposed solar farm

Robert Bukowski from Amec Foster Wheeler was present. Rob told the members that it is a proposed solar array with a gas line running through the property. Rob said Shiner Hole is largely created by a beaver dam and has no channel connecting it to the wetlands on the other side of the road. Rob said there is an existing road that will be built up and a culvert running through it. Rob explained that the site would only be accessed once or twice a year. Ron asked how many feet of wetland will be crossed. Rob said about 150 feet. Don asked if the width will have to be increased to accommodate vehicles. Rob said maybe a little bit wider for construction and fire vehicles. Don asked if there is going to be any replication done. Rob said replication will be proposed if necessary. Mat asked

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what the distance is from West Main Street. Rob said about 1000 feet. Ron asked how the solar array compares to other arrays in town. Carter McCann said more than double the one on McGrath Road. Don asked if there will be work done in the buffer zone. Rob said there will be with the installation of the solar panels. Ron asked how big the property is. Carter said it is about 99 acres with the arrays taking up about 29 acres. Don asked if any surveying has been done. Rob said yes, it should be done this week. Ron asked how deep the water is around the beaver dam. Rob said about shoulder deep. Rob said they would meet on site with anyone that wanted to go. Mat said he would be worried about the road giving away during construction due to the vehicles. Rob said that is why the road will be upgraded and monitored. Don asked what the effect of the beaver dam giving away would be. Rob said he thinks the chances are slim. Don said he thinks the beavers will eventually give up on the area and the dam will give away. Rob told the members the site preparation will be done over the first 4 or 5 months to prevent any kind of breach of the beaver dam. Rob said they want to maintain the hydraulic connection between shiners hole and the down gradient wetland. Ron asked how long the road is and how long the culvert will be. Rob said the road is about 150 feet and the culvert will be about 15 or 20 feet long. Rob suggested that a site walk might help. The members discussed when a good time will be to go. The members set up a tentative site visit for April 21, 2018 at 9:00am.

The members signed an extension order for Lake Singletary DEP #224-606. Mat made a motion to sign the extension to 2020; Paul seconded; voted 3 in favor with Ron abstaining.

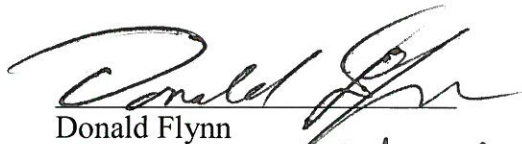
The members agreed to go to a summer schedule for June, July and August. Meetings will be June 13, 2018, July 11, 2018 and August 8, 2018.

Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 P.M.; Paul seconded; voted unanimously.

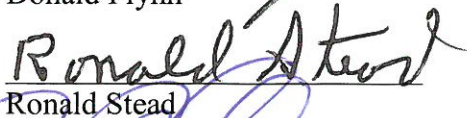
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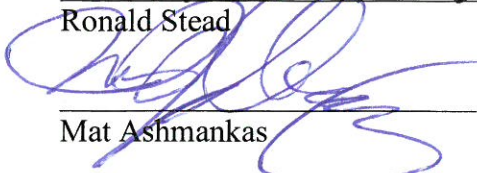
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Secretary



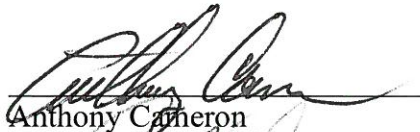
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