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Millbury Conservation Commission

Date: November 5, 2014

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Time: 7:00 PM

Present: Ron Stead, Mathew Ashmankas, Anthony Cameron

Absent: Donald Flynn, Paul DiCicco

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

MINUTES: Anthony Cameron made a request to table the September 17, 2014 minutes until the November 19, 2014 meeting. Mat Ashmankas made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 8, 2014 meeting; seconded by Anthony Cameron; voted unanimously.

MAIL: The Commission received email correspondence regarding 8 Bayberry Lane project. Ron Stead mentioned that the Applicant of 8 Bayberry Lane is asking for a continuance of the project. Ron requested that the Commission members receive copies of these transmittals to be read at a future meeting.

Per Chairman, Donald Flynn's request, Laurie Connors sent a letter to Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection informing them that the property owners of 106 Wheelock Avenue have not submitted a Notice of Intent for new house construction since they were ordered to do so at the August 7, 2013 Conservation Commission meeting.

Email was received from Lauren Hastings, Senior Environmental Scientist from Pare Corporation requesting information on procedure for filing a Notice of Intent for Ramshorn Pond Dam. Laurie Connors provided responses to Lauren. This project will be forthcoming.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Anthony Cameron informed the Commission that the Millbury Department of Public Works had a culvert study done and would like to have a presentation of this at an upcoming meeting.

Anthony Cameron made a motion to put the culvert study on the December 3, 2014 Conservation Commission agenda at 7:15; seconded by Mathew Ashmankas; voted unanimously.

7:15 P.M. LONG/BORREGO CONTINUANCE

Steve Long/Borego Solar Systems
Notice of Intent Continuance
40 Auburn Road

Vice-Chairman Ron Stead opened hearing. Ron read an email from Chris Tait, Sr. Project Engineer of Doucet & Associates requesting a continuance from the November 5th hearing to Wednesday, November 19th. They are still waiting on survey information requested by the Planning Board.

Mathew Ashmankas made a motion to continue the Notice of Intent to 7:30 P.M., November 19, 2014; seconded by Anthony Cameron; voted unanimously.

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coincide with which portion of the project.

7:30 P.M. Alexandra Echandi/BSC Group
REQUEST FOR Request for Determination of Applicability
DETERMINATION 54 Grafton Street – Millbury Substation #4
OF
APPLICABILITY Vice-Chairman Ron Stead opened hearing.

David Cowell, ecologist from BSC Group represented Massachusetts Electric Company with regard to the installation of approximately 50' of underground conduit within the Millbury Substation #4. The Town of Grafton is building a solar farm and needs to make modifications to their side and energy generated will tap into the Millbury Substation. The only portion of the project subject to the Wetlands Protection Act is the installation of 50' of underground conduit. The area is graded and has a gravel base. During excavation if there is any threat of erosion, straw bales may be used. The work is expected to be completed within 24 to 48 hours. They do not anticipate dewatering but if needed, they would pump to filter bags with straw bales. Ron asked about the depth of the conduit. The area impacted is 18 inches wide and 18 inches deep. There should not be any stormwater issues as there will be no change in existing grade. The area will be backfilled with the material coming out of the hole. Crushed stone would also be used to stabilize area. Ron asked what type of surface exists where the conduit is going. David said the area is crushed stone. Mathew Ashmankas noted that the work being completed is three to four feet above the intermittent stream elevation. Anthony Cameron asked David what is a dirt bag. David said it is a filter bag that expands and captures sediment and lets water out. The filter bags sit on straw bales and works well. David noted that National Grid utilizes best management practices outlined in Environmental Guidance EG 303.

Mathew Ashmankas made a motion for a Negative Determination for 54 Grafton Street for Millbury Substation #4; seconded by Anthony Cameron; voted unanimously. A Negative Determination will be issued.

7:45 P.M. Millbury Department of Public Works
CONTINUANCE Notice of Intent Continuance
23 Elm Court

Vice-Chairman Ron Stead opened hearing for a Notice of Intent Continuance for the replacement of the Elm Court sewerage pump station located at 23 Elm Court.

Ray Willis, design engineer from Onsite Engineering represented the Town of Millbury Department of Public Works. Ray provided a copy of a CD subtitled Project Manuals- NOI Pump Station Replacements Millbury, MA. As a follow up to the October 22, 2014 hearing, Ray provided the Commission with the Department of Environmental Protection project file # CE 224-0724. The Commission also requested a project manual and specifications which are contained within the CD provided. The disc also has sample specs with regard to earthwork, dewatering plan and environmental protection.

Ron Stead asked Ray to describe the dewatering plan. Ray said the design specification is on the contractor to propose a groundwater dewatering plan based on condition of the site which could consist of a well point system, trash pump, etc. Once reviewed, a plan must

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Vice-Chairman Ron Stead opened hearing for a Notice of Intent Continuance for the replacement of the Warren Street sewerage pump station located at 9 Warren Street.

Ray Willis, project designer from Onsite Engineering represented the Town of Millbury Department of Public Works. As a follow up to the October 22, 2014 hearing, Ray provided the Commission with the Department of Environmental Protection project file # CE 224-0723. The Commission also requested a project manual and specifications. Ray provided a CD subtitled Project Manuals-NOI Pump Stations Replacements Millbury, MA.

This project will need bypass pumping because of borings on site. They hit bedrock at nine feet. They will remove the existing junction manhole and use the existing area for the pump station. Mat Ashmankas asked if there were special protocols for a bypass surface transmission. Ray stated an above grade pump will be used which would have a common suction point that would connect back to the forced main. Mat asked if there are any protocols for containment if there were a surface breach. Ray said yes and they are included in the project specifications provided. Ray expects that the Commission will address any items as part of the Order of Conditions with this project. Mat noted that it appears that each pump station project will be done in separate years. Ray said the plan is to complete one pump station every two years. The schedule could be accelerated if a specific need arises or additional finances become available. Noting the every two year project schedule, Mat asked how long the Order of Conditions are good for and if there are any limits on extensions. An Order of Conditions is good for three years and can be extended beyond that.


Anthony Cameron motioned to close the hearing; seconded by Mathew Ashmankas; voted unanimously.

An Order of Conditions will be issued and conditioned accordingly.


Discussion followed on issuing Order of Conditions on 9 Warren Street. Mat Ashmankas has concerns that 9 Warren Street is next to Doherty Pond and would like to review specifications prior to issuing Order of Conditions on this project.

Mathew Ashmankas motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.; seconded by Anthony Cameron; voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

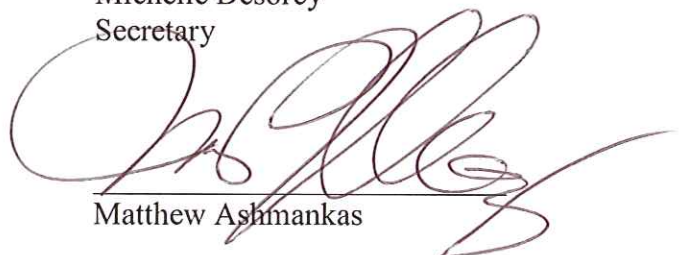


Ron Stead



Anthony Cameron

Michelle Desorcy
Secretary



Matthew Ashmankas

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- 7:00 P.M. Mail, Minutes, Vouchers
- 7:15 P.M. Steve Long/ Borrego Solar Systems
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- 7:15 P.M. Ucef Charmchi
Notice of Intent - Continuance
8 Bayberry Lane
- 7:30 P.M. Alexandra Echandi/BSC Group
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- 7:45 P.M. Millbury Department of Public Works
Notice of Intent - Continuance
23 Elm Court
- 7:50 P.M. Millbury Department of Public Works
Notice of Intent – Continuance
40 Elmwood Street
- 7:55 P.M. Millbury Department of Public Works
Notice of Intent - Continuance
9 Warren Street
- 8:00 P.M. Roy Ahlen
Request for Certificate of Compliance
10 Harris Avenue
- 8:05 P.M. Peter George
Request for Certificates of Compliance (3)
2 Cronin Brook Way & Open Space A

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

