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Millbury Conservation Commission

Date: June 13, 2018

Time: 7:00 PM

Present: Donald Flynn, Ronald Stead, Paul DiCicco

Absent: Anthony Cameron, Mat Ashmankas

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

The members signed minutes from May 16, 2018

Chairman Flynn read mail received from U.S. Department of Homeland Security FEMA Region I regarding flooding concerns and project goals for the Blackstone Watershed.

Chairman Flynn read mail received from the Department of Environmental Protection regarding a Water Quality Certification for a New England Power Company project.

Chairman Flynn read mail received from National Grid regarding vegetation maintenance.

7:05 P.M.

Joseph Martin/Pakachoag Acres Day Care Center, Inc.

Notice of Intent – Continuance

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

David Faist from McClure Engineering was present for the applicant. Don read comments received from DEP regarding the project and the response from McClure Engineering. David said revised plans have been submitted and the four wetland signs have been placed. David said minor changes were made at the request of the Planning Board. David said an outline of the snow storage area was added. Don asked where they were at with Planning. David said they will be going back to the next meeting for final approval. Don asked if there were a full set of plans submitted. David said he brought them tonight. Ron asked if the wetland signs were on the new plans. David said yes. Ron made a motion to close the hearing; Paul seconded; voted unanimously.

7:10 P.M.

Syncarpha Solar, LLC

Notice of Intent

West Main Street M 77 Parcel 11 – Construct a 4.98 megawatt ground mount solar array
Rob Bukowski from Amec Foster Wheeler was present for the applicant. Rob said the parcel is 99 acres with a gas easement and slopes varying from 10 -30 percent. Rob said there will be 4 separate arrays that will take up about 28 acres with 2 wetland crossings, no grading will be done other than the roads. Erosion controls will be installed. Rob said they met with the Planning Board and their main concerns were stormwater management. Rob showed the members on the plan the wetland crossings. Rob said culverts will be installed near the beaver dam in case of any leakage and will be redirected to the wetlands. Rob showed the members on the plans the detailed culverts. Rob said there will be 2 replication areas for the two crossings. Don asked how big the culvert pipes are. Rob said 2 24 inch and 2 18 inch pipes. Ron asked if each array is fenced separately. Rob said they are. Rob said the planning board asked if a portion of the land could be used for wildlife habitat. Carter McCann said some land could be donated to the town which has land that abuts the project. Don asked if foundations will be installed. Don asked what

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gate at West Main Street. Rob said there will be 2 entrances so the gas easement does not have to be crossed. Ron asked what the comparison is to other solar farms. Carter said it is considered large. Ron asked how many panels are being used. Carter said 10-12,000. Paul asked if anything will be given to the town. Carter said there will be some opportunities. Don asked if fill is being brought in for the eastern array. Rob said yes for grading. Carter said motion lights will be installed. Paul said he would like a light at the entrance. Ron asked if someone jumped a fence how dangerous it is. Carter said the high voltage is buried. Paul asked what the temperature is of the panels reach. Carter said about 100 degrees. Paul asked if there is a system to know if a panel is not working properly. Carter said yes and a maintenance walk will be done twice a year. Don asked if any poles are in the wetlands. Rob said no. Paul asked if the pads are pre-poured. Rob said they will be poured at the sites. Ron made a motion to close the hearing; Paul seconded; voted unanimously. Stephen Herzog informed the members that a dep file number has not been given. Paul made a motion to rescind the vote to close the hearing; Ron seconded; voted unanimously. Ron made a motion to continue the hearing to July 11, 2018 at 7:05pm; Paul seconded; voted unanimously.

7:15 P.M.

Daniel Mezynski
Informal
256 Riverlin Street

Dan Mezynski was present. Don read a letter Dan gave the members. Don said he talked to Bob Murphy regarding the issue. Ron asked if this was a Notice of Intent. Don said yes the contractor did not follow the design; he put in a smaller pipe than what was on the plan. Dan said the riprap is very unstable. Paul asked what size pipe is going to be used. Don said a 42 inch pipe will be used and installed properly. The original pipe was to be a 48 inch. Ron said he didn't see a problem with the new pipe. The members do not see this as a significant change and will accept the new plan. Dan asked if they want a new plan or an as built. Don said an as built. No amendment hearing is necessary.

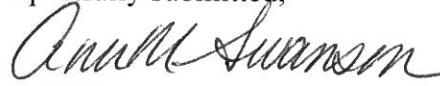
The members signed a Certificate of Compliance for 246 Riverlin Street DEP #224-0749.
The members signed a Certificate of Compliance for 20 Auburn Road DEP #224-0494.

Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M.; Paul seconded; voted unanimously.

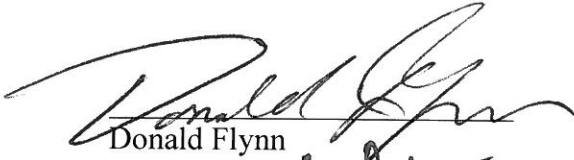
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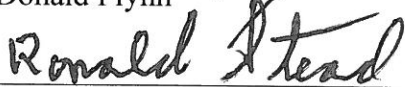
Respectfully submitted,



Ann M Swanson
Secretary



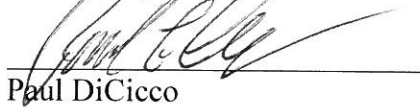
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