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Millbury Conservation Commission

Date: July 18, 2012

Time: 7:00 PM

Present: Donald Flynn, Ron Stead, Mathew Ashmankas, Paul DiCicco

Absent: Anthony Cameron

BOARD RE-ORGANIZATION The board of the Conservation Commission reorganized as follows:
Mathew Ashmankas motioned to nominate Donald Flynn as Chairman;
Ron Stead seconded motion; board voted unanimously. Donald Flynn accepted.
Paul DiCicco motioned to nominate Ron Stead as Vice Chairman;
Mathew Ashmankas seconded motion; board voted unanimously. Ron Stead accepted.
Paul DiCicco motioned to nominate Mathew Ashmankas as Clerk;
Ron Stead seconded motion; board voted unanimously. Mathew Ashmankas accepted

MINUTES Ron Stead motioned to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2012 meeting;
seconded by Mathew Ashmankas; voted unanimously.
The minutes of the May 16, 2012 meeting were signed by Donald Flynn and Ron Stead.
New members Mathew Ashmankas and Paul DiCicco abstained from signing the minutes.

VOUCHERS Expense vouchers were approved and signed

7:15 P.M. Stephen Moss
MOSS Request for Determination of Applicability
PUBLIC MEETING 9 Singletary Road
Chairman Donald Flynn read the legal ad.

Applicant was present to propose completion of work at site including grading and landscaping, and installation of an irrigation system and lawn . Vice-Chairman Ron Stead explained the situation. He visited site as result of a complaint and observed applicant had stripped his property leaving it unstabilized and without mitigation within the buffer zone to Lake Singletary. He informed Mr. Moss of WPA regulations on behalf of the Cons. Comm. & instructed him to install mitigation, which Mr. Moss did immediately. Mr. Moss was allowed to work towards stabilizing area. Applicant explained this evening that sod will be delivered tomorrow and then he will be installing it. Board reviewed proposal. When asked by Mathew Ashmankas if staples will be used for the sod, applicant replied, no. Applicant was advised he is to contact the Conservation Commission when he plans to remove mitigation.

The board agreed a filing of a Notice of Intent (NOI) is not required.
A Negative Determination will be issued.

7:30 P.M. Rob McNeil was present to update the board of the Vegetation Management Plan (VMP)
INFORMAL to be done by DPW. He explained, upon being hired as DPW Director he found that
MEETING the previous 5-year plan had expired. He explained the proposed VMP to apply herbicides
to Town ROW's (right of ways) and said, once approved the VMP stays on file for 5 yrs.
He said his Operations Mngr. Matt Stencel worked with the state to develop the VMP and
explained he has qualified, licensed staff to apply herbicides. Mr. McNeil said the Town is
still required to formulate a YOP (Yearly Operation Plan) which is a more detailed plan,
but until the YOP is prepared the state has issued a limited application waiver for this year.

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He said he is looking for the Commission to accept the VMP, allowing the DPW to move forward with the application. Discussion ensued. Mr. McNeil said the work will be performed at night using a truck mounted boom & will target vegetation growing along gutter line & curb stone. Paul DiCicco asked about effects of spraying on pets. Mr. McNeil said herbicide is absorbed into roots in a very short time but he's not sure of exact time limitation as to when it would be safe for small pets. Mr. McNeil said area would be sprayed than another day they come along and burn it. Ron Stead asked about the extent of streets proposed for treatment but Mr. McNeil said he didn't have exact mileage amount. He said chemical used is a commercially available product similar to 'Round-up'. Paul DiCicco asked if Mr. McNeil noticed that Stowe Rd. is becoming more narrow due to overgrowth. Mr. McNeil said that's not proposed to be treated but could be cut by DPW long-arm machinery. Mathew Ashmankas advised that a 4% bleach solution is effective on poison ivy. Chairman Flynn asked if catch basins are avoided during spraying. Mr. McNeil said sensitive areas are excluded from treatment. Chairman asked for a map indicating the sensitive areas to be avoided but Mr. McNeil said he does not have such map at this time. He said he would like to proceed with the work according to the waiver, without a map and said later, when doing the YOP, would develop a map that would be referenced from year to year. Mat Ashmankas asked about stream crossings. Mr. McNeil said they will stay 50' to 100' away from water surfaces and that these areas will be flagged and applicators will stay away from these areas. Paul DiCicco stated for the record that he is impressed with the professionalism that Mr. McNeil has brought to the Town. The Commission had no further discussion and agreed to Mr. McNeil's request to move forward with the VMP. Mr. McNeil said he advertise accordingly. Mr. McNeil advised the Commission that he will be coming to them soon regarding work at McCracken & Greenwood Street.

8:00 P.M. David Aspinwall
ASPINWALL Notice of Intent
PUBLIC HEARING 73 Auburn Road
Chairman Donald Flynn read legal ad.

Document used:

- Septic System Design Plan Parcel C – Auburn Road Millbury, MA

Applicant David Aspinwall was present. He stated that his representative, Glenn Krevosky of EBT Environmental Consultants, Inc. prepared the filing but was not able to attend meeting this evening to make the presentation. Applicant explained proposal.

Construction of a single family house with associated driveway & septic system proposed on 12.8 acre parcel previously farmland. Approx. 300' of the proposed 400+' driveway and half of the house is within wetland BZ. Applicant is also proposing to remove invasive plant species in wetland area near roadway to allow the house to be seen from the road. Referring to a map from 1970, Mr. Aspinwall explained he would clear cut that area (5,000 sq. ft.) as it was in the past, and he would plant wildflowers. Board reviewed proposal. Discussion ensued. Mat Ashmankas asked about a clear cut area he observed at the site and applicant said purpose of that was for a perc. test. Chairman Flynn commented that he would like the invasive species controlled in that area but would like a wetland planting scheme and would like a plan for such as part of this filing. Mr. Aspinwall said he wasn't sure if the wildflower mix he's proposing is a wetland mix. He said his representative, Glen Krevosky, flagged area very competently. Chairman remarked that he

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wishes there were notes indicating how the exotic species are to be removed and said he's not content not knowing exactly what plantings are proposed. Neither is he keen on the homeowner mowing that wetland area every year.

Dave Rudge of 4 Carleton Road told the Commission he supports the proponent in his proposal.

Ron Stead motioned to close the hearing; seconded by Paul DiCicco; no further discussion; board voted unanimously to close.

Board voted unanimously to approve proposal.

An Order of Conditions will be issued.

WINDLE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

The Conservation Commission was notified by Christopher Windle that work at 32 Grafton Street is done per OOC# 224-675 and requested a Certificate of Compliance. Required compliance documents were satisfactorily received. A Certificate of Compliance was approved and issued.

FORTUNATO CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

The Conservation Commission was notified by Joseph Fortunato, Jr. that work at 27 Sullivan Place is no longer proposed per OOC#224-649 and requested a Certificate of Compliance. A Certificate of Compliance was approved and issued.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

The board discussed a summer schedule, meeting once in August, and voted as follows: Mathew Ashmankas motioned to meet August 15, 2012; Ron Stead seconded; voted unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Conservation Commission received the following:
- BRWA Newsletter – Summer 2012

In a letter dated July 10, 2012, J. Todd Miles informed the Conservation Commission that he would be running sheep in the wooded area owned by his family (TPR) at Danielle Drive and Grafton Street (Assessor's Map 47, Lot 39).

The Conservation Commission received a copy of a modified site plan from the Planning Board regarding 130 Westborough St./Treeline Construction, for review and comment.

Mathew Ashmankas motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.; seconded by Ron Stead; voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Paquette
Secretary

Donald Flynn

Mathew Ashmankas

Ron Stead

Paul DiCicco