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Millbury Conservation Commission

Date: December 21, 2011

Time: 7:00 PM

Present: Donald Flynn, Ron Stead, Jim Boucher, Dave Boudreau

Absent: Dave Palleiko

BOARD VOTE Ron Stead made a motion to approve funds be expended from the Wetlands Protection Fund for the purpose of hiring a consultant to develop a 10-year Forest Stewardship Plan for the Brierly Pond Conservation Area (a portion of the cost will be covered under the Massachusetts Forest Stewardship Program); motion seconded by Jim Boucher; voted unanimously.

7:15 P.M. Joseph Miller/Miller Fence Company
MILLER Notice of Intent Continuance
CONTINUANCE 337 Southwest Cutoff

Chairman Donald Flynn opened the hearing. Raouf Mankaryous of Alpah Omega Engineering was present in place of Bob Murphy, who couldn't be here. He spoke about the proposal, explaining the proponent now plans to revise project, scaling back work proposed. Con. Com. members Ron Stead, Jim Boucher & Dave Palleiko said they visited site and observed considerable amount of resource area had been filled. Mr. Mankaryous said he's aware of the client's filling of the wetland and said proponent will do whatever the Con. Com. asks him to do. The board explained issues which need to be addressed by proponent's representative. Mr. Murphy must determine true wetland base (borings), so as to determine amount of previous alteration and determine where replication area will be. Also, restoration must be done to account for the proposed filling of resource areas near the proposed stone walls. Replication plan is required & ratio has to be at least 1:1. Previously submitted plan still lacking information. The engineer this evening did not have a revised plan to submit. Con. Com. could make no decision this evening.

Jim Boucher motioned for continuance of the Notice of Intent to 7:30 P.M., January 18, 2012; seconded by Ron Stead ; voted unanimously.

7:45 P.M. MassDOT –Highway Division
MA DOT Request for Determination of Applicability
PUBLIC MEETING Route 146
Chairman Donald Flynn read the legal ad.

Alex Martin of MassDOT was present to explain proposal. He explained as part of the state's Impaired Waters Program & the initiative to identify locations where stormwater from highways (under MassDOT jurisdiction) discharges into impaired waterways, improvements are proposed to the stormwater management system at Rt. 146 where stormwater runoff discharges directly to the Blackstone River. Mr. Martin explained, project proposes minor modifications to outlet structures in existing structures. Maintenance activities include rehabilitation of existing outfalls at three detention basins along Rt. 146. Planned retrofits will improve storage capacity & increase infiltration: basins will be able to store a greater volume of water (that would otherwise be directly discharged into the river) before discharging to surrounding areas. Board reviewed &

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discussion ensued. Mr. Martin spoke about assessment that was conducted regarding stormwater related pollutants, estimating potential impacts to the Blackstone River. He said there is currently a low level weep hole in the filter fabric which will be taken out & replaced. Gene Crouch of VHB described work involved at the three outfalls including removal & replacement of filter stone & filter cloth. Work sites to be accessed from the existing bike path. Work proposed in buffer zone (BZ) & riverfront area (RA) but not impacting wetland resource area, not even temporary disturbance proposed. He said they hope to do the work in the spring – contract & pricing already done. Chairman Flynn made proponents aware that the chemical perchlorate was previously detected in that area after blasting operations occurred there during the construction of the nearby shopping plaza. Chairman Flynn said he considers proposal maintenance of existing stormwater feature and suggested a negative determination.

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

Ron Stead motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.; seconded by Jim Boucher; voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Paquette
Secretary

Donald Flynn

Ron Stead

Jim Boucher

Dave Boudreau