

**MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Room 206, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA
January 9, 2012**

The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 p.m. by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

The following members were present:

Dr. James Lederer, Chair

Ed Chisholm, Loretta Fitzgerald, Christine Gavin, Cara Krinsky,
Daniel Lee, Anne Rich

Members Absent: None

Others present: Michael Carter, GCG Associates, 84 Main St., Wilmington

#CE225- -Notice of Intent, Public Hearing, Dover Rd. Pump Station Rehab.

The public hearing was opened at 7:30 p.m. with notice being read by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

Mr. Michael Carter of GCG Associates, representing the Town of Millis DPW, presented the application and plans entitled, "Site Plan & Details, Dover Road Pump Station Rehabilitation," dated December 20, 2011. He stated that the project site is located on the northeasterly corner of the intersection between Route 109 (Main Street) and Dover Road and consists of 0.2 acres. Mr. Carter explained that currently, the lot consists of an underground sewage pumping station, generator, electrical control panel, and an access driveway. During severe rainstorm events, he said, the water level adjacent to the pumping station has come close to exceeding the elevation of the access hatch, posing concerns for potential flooding of the facility. Mr. Carter stated that a grant from MEMA will be funding the work.

The proposed project, Mr. Carter stated, is to install a new concrete slab at an elevation approximately two feet higher than existing grade. The raising of the slab will require the raising of all appurtenances currently located on the top of the pumping facility. In addition, he said, an existing sewer manhole frame and cover will be raised to the same elevation of the pump station to ensure that flood waters will not exceed the manhole cover elevation and infiltrate the system. All proposed work falls within the 50' wetland setback, however, no work will be required in the wetlands, he said. Haybales, as shown on the plan, will be installed along the down slope of the property to ensure no sediment, debris or contaminants enter the existing wetlands, Mr. Carter stated. All disturbed areas will be restored to pre-construction conditions. When the proposed improvements are complete, he said, they will act as a preventative measure to eliminate any future flooding issues that might arise with regards to the existing sewage pump facility. The Commission reviewed the plans.

DEP has not yet assigned a file number for this project.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

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#CE2250370 -Notice of Intent, Public Hearing, Rte. 109 RR Bed Flood Mitigation

The public hearing was opened at 7:47 p.m. with notice being read by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

Mr. Michael Carter of GCG Associates, representing the Town of Millis DPW, presented the application and plans entitled, "Route 109 Railroad Bed Flood Mitigation," dated December 20, 2011. Mr. Carter stated that the town-owned land is located on the northerly side of Route 109, southeasterly from the intersection between Route 109 and Pleasant Street. Mr. Carter explained that the existing drainage system consists of a small stream tributary to a swamp located north of the project parcels; with a man-made detention basin located easterly on the stream, which flows northerly to the swamp marsh area. Mr. Carter stated that the area is prone to flowing during heavy rain events, which in turn causes flooding of both Route 109 and the parcels abutting the stream. He stated the work would be funded through a MEMA grant.

The proposed project, Mr. Carter stated, is to construct a 30" drain line to bypass the partially collapsed culvert during heavy rainfall; the installation of an outlet structure, pipe and appurtenances. According to Mr. Carter, the project falls in an area defined under the guidelines of an inland resource area. All disturbed areas will be restored to pre-construction conditions, he said. Once installed, the flood mitigation measures will act as a preventative measure to eliminate any future flooding issues that might arise at the crossing with Route 109 and the downstream areas.

The Commission reviewed the plans. Mr. Lee requested that the outflow pipe ending be changed to straight in design with a grate; rather than flared. Mr. Carter will revise the plans to show this change.

On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Rich, it was voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 8:07 p.m.

**DEP File *#CE225-0371 Notice of Intent
Dover Rd. Pump Station Rehabilitation
Deliberation/Vote**

On a motion made by Dr. Lederer, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was voted unanimously to approve an Order of Conditions, with Special Conditions, pending a file number assignment from DEP. (*Note-DEP assigned #CE225-0371)

**DEP File #CE225- 0370 Notice of Intent
Rte. 109 Railroad Bed Flood Mitigation
Deliberation/Vote**

On a motion made by Dr. Lederer, seconded by Mr. Lee, it was voted unanimously to approve an Order of Conditions, with Special Conditions, pending revision to the plan to show the outflow pipe (straight pipe ending with grate).

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Other Business:

Correspondence to Board of Selectmen

Robert J. Santos, Jr.

RE: Seven Acre Parcel

The Commission reviewed a letter from Mr. Santos, Jr., dated December 23, 2011, wherein he offers land for purchase by the Town. No action will be taken by the Commission at this time.

Minutes

On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Rich, the minutes from December 5, 2011, were unanimously approved as amended.

Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings: February 6, 2012

There being no further business, on a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Camille Standley
Administrative Assistant*