

**MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Room 206, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA
November 14, 2011**

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, Daniel Lee, Anne Rich

Members Absent: Cara Krinsky

Others present: Paul & Christine Guzzi, 5 Pine House Rd.
Ellen Rosenfeld, 730 Main St.
Dan Merrikin, 730 Main St.
John Barry, 5 Erik Rd., Medfield

DEP File #225-0288

5 Pine House Rd.

Informal Discussion re: fencing

Paul Guzzi

Mr. Guzzi had emailed the Commission regarding fencing the wetland replication portion of his property. He and his wife attended the meeting and presented a letter, dated November 5, 2011, describing what they propose to do. Mr. Guzzi stated that they had met with the Commission previously in June to discuss the possibility of fencing the wetland replication area for the safety of his children, and other neighborhood children. Mr. Guzzi explained that they would like to install two fences: one, approximately 125 feet of 4 foot high black ornamental aluminum fence to surround the wetland area. This would be located on the upland part of their property, he said, roughly one foot away from the granite bounds that mark the wetland boundary. There would be about 2-3 inches of clearance on the bottom of this fence, he said, to allow wildlife to pass. The second fence would be approximately 100 feet of four foot high chain link fence that would be located in the wetland area that would connect the aluminum fence. This fence would also have approximately 3-4 inches of clearance at the bottom, Mr. Guzzi said. These fences are only to provide safety so the wetland replication area is surrounded and not exposed, he stated.

There is an open Order of Conditions for this property due to the wetland replication portion of the project. Mr. Lee stated that when the fence is being installed, the installer must be careful while digging holes that nothing gets into the wetland. Mr. Guzzi stated that he is scheduled to meet with an installer and will prepare the specifications of installation and email it to the Commission. Mr. Guzzi was given permission to install the fenced area as described.

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**DEP File #225-0193
127-129 Dover Road
Request for Certificate of Compliance
John Barry**

Mr. Barry stated that an Order of Conditions was issued in April 2000 for a septic replacement on the property. He said that a Request for Certificate of Compliance was inadvertently never submitted, so the Order of Conditions remains open. He is selling the property and must have the Certificate of Compliance before he can close on the property, he said. Mr. Barry stated that the Board of Health had issued their Certificate of Compliance when the project was completed. Mr. Barry stated that the vegetation has grown back in and the septic system was installed according to the Order of Conditions issued.

The Commission compared the approved plan to the as-built plan. There were no significant changes that the Commission was concerned with. Based on their review of the plan and discussion with Mr. Barry, a site visit was not warranted.

On a motion made by Dr. Lederer, seconded by Mr. Lee, it was voted unanimously at 7:48 p.m. to approve a Certificate of Compliance for DEP File #225-0193.

**1575 Main Street
Ellen Rosenfeld/Daniel Merrikin
Informal Discussion**

Mr. Merrikin presented a plan of 1575 Main Street – the self-storage facility. He stated that Ms. Rosenfeld is considering the best use of the land and would like to install more storage units. There was discussion regarding the Zone A flood plain. Mr. Merrikin stated that this issue would be clarified should they go forward with the project and make a formal filing. The wetlands were flagged approximately ten years ago, Mr. Merrikin said. There are two other lots on the property. There was discussion as to the best location for the additional storage units.

A site visit was scheduled for Saturday, November 19, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. to allow the Commission to familiarize themselves with the location.

**Union & Ridge Streets
Possible Lawn Waste Dumping in Wetlands**

An anonymous phone call had been received regarding possible dumping of lawn waste in the wetland area between Union and Ridge Streets, causing standing water in some areas in the vicinity.

A courtesy/informational letter will be sent to abutters in the area to make them aware that dumping of lawn waste in the wetland, or wetland buffer, is illegal.

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**Verderber Property
Annual Mowing**

Mr. Cantoreggi had emailed the Commission requesting permission to mow the property during the month of November. Ms. Fitzgerald stated that she had spoken with Mr. George Trumbour, former Conservation Commission Chair, and he had suggested that the periphery be cleaned up as well since invasive species needed to be pushed back. Mr. Cantoreggi will be notified to mow anytime during the month of November.

Other Business:

**DEP File #CE225-0369
246 Pleasant St.**

Greg Whelan

Mr. Whelan had requested that the Commission inspect his erosion controls. He will be requested to stake the haybales every three feet to properly secure them. He will also be told to remove any debris/junked items from his property beyond the haybales.

Minutes

On a motion made by Dr. Lederer, seconded by Mr. Lee, the minutes from October 3, 2011, were unanimously approved as written.

Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings: December 5, 2011

There being no further business, on a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. Lee, and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Camille Standley
Administrative Assistant*