

**MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Room 206, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA
December 5, 2011**

The meeting was brought to order at 7:34 p.m. by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

The following members were present:

Dr. James Lederer, Chair
Ed Chisholm, Christine Gavin, Cara Krinsky, Daniel Lee

Members Absent: Loretta Fitzgerald
 Anne Rich

Others present: Ellen Rosenfeld, 730 Main St.
 Dan Merrikin, 730 Main St.
 Douglas & Marilyn Furbush, 89 Ridge St.

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

A site visit for the Commission to view the area was conducted on November 19, 2011. Mr. Merrikin presented a plan entitled, “1575 Main Street Sketch Plan of Land in Millis, MA,” dated December 5, 2011. He stated that the plan shows a revised development concept. Mr. Merrikin said they would propose to fill a portion of the wetland of approximately 5,000 square feet, and then replicate an area of 9,000 square feet. The new design is for two buildings facing one another rather than one larger building, which keeps it in the outer riparian zone. Mr. Chisholm asked Mr. Merrikin whether the Army Corps of Engineers had an easement on 1575 Main Street. Mr. Merrikin does not believe they do but will follow up with the Corps to be certain. They would ask for a waiver from the 50 foot buffer zone wetland regulation, he said. He also stated that they would ask for a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals to allow the two buildings to be closer to one another and to be face to face. Where they are only storage units, they do not foresee any problems with that request.

The Commission was in agreement that the proposed concept would be acceptable should the applicant proceed with an application.

**Union & Ridge Streets
Possible Lawn Waste Dumping in Wetlands
Mr. & Mrs. Furbush**

A courtesy/informational letter was sent to abutters in the area to make them aware that dumping of lawn waste in the wetland, or wetland buffer, is illegal. Letters were sent to eight residents/abutters. Mr. & Mrs. Furbush of 89 Ridge Street received the letter and were concerned regarding any violations. Mr. Lee explained the Wetlands Protection Act. Dr. Lederer stated that the Commission had received a phone call regarding standing water behind the properties. He explained that the letters are more of a formality to all in the vicinity to make people aware that lawn waste is not allowed to be dumped in the wetlands. Mr. Furbush provided a summary of the area since he moved

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into the property 25 years ago. He expressed his concern that carting the leaves away is a “financial hardship.” Dr. Lederer reiterated that the lawn waste cannot be placed in the wetland or wetland buffer zone. He said the letter was simply an informational reminder and not meant to single anyone out.

Other Business:

Centennial Place/Library Project

Review

The Commission reviewed the Orders of Conditions for the project as some members were not on the Commission when the earlier portion of the project was approved. The Commission will follow up with Mr. Kazis in the spring to check on the status of the required replication portion of the project.

Minutes

On a motion made by Dr. Lederer, seconded by Ms. Gavin, the minutes from November 14, 2011, were unanimously approved as amended.

Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings: January 9, 2012

There being no further business, on a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Camille Standley
Administrative Assistant*