

**MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Room 206, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA
April 2, 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, Daniel Lee, Anne Rich

Members Absent: Christine Gavin, Cara Krinsky

Others present: James McKay, DPW
Michelle Schofield, 37 Ticonderoga Ln.
Wayne Carlson, 261 Union St.
Nathan Maltinsky, 431 Exchange St., CPC

Request for Determination of Applicability, Public Hearing, Birch St. Well #3

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

Mr. McKay, representing the Town of Millis DPW, presented the application. He stated that the Town Well #3, off Birch Street, is being upgraded. They propose to upgrade the existing disinfection feed system to provide a permanent sodium hypochlorite system. Also proposed is the removal of the existing standby engine drive on the well pump, and replace it with a new propane generator to supply standby power to the entire well station. Mr. McKay stated that installation of silt fence and haybales for erosion controls are detailed on the plan. Mr. McKay explained that DEP has approved the project and the work will be funded by a grant from DEP. The proposed work is barely within 100-feet of the wetlands. The new propane tanks will be further away from the wetlands, he said.

On a motion made by Dr. Lederer, seconded by Ms. Rich, it was voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Ms. Rich, it was voted unanimously to approve a Negative 3 Determination of Applicability. In conjunction with the project, installation of silt fence and haybales for erosion controls is required, as detailed on the drawing labeled #C101, on the plan dated March 12, 2012.

Request for Determination of Applicability, Public Hearing, 81 Ridge St.

The public hearing was opened at 7:46 p.m. with notice being read by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

As neither the applicant nor a representative was present, on a motion made by Dr. Lederer, seconded by Mr. Lee, it was voted unanimously at 7:47 p.m. to continue the public hearing, without discussion, to May 7, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

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Informal Discussion

Junior Girls Scout Projects

Michelle Schofield

Ms. Schofield is seeking project ideas for her 5th grade group of Girl Scouts seeking their Bronze Award. She stated there are twenty girls in this group. The Commission discussed various project possibilities.

After discussion, Ms. Schofield suggested that they would like to clean up the area at the Pleasant Street property – restore/clean trails; remove invasive plants. Ms. Fitzgerald offered to be the contact person for Ms. Schofield on this project.

DEP File #225-0361

Request for Certificate of Compliance

114 Norfolk Road

Wayne Carlson

Mr. Carlson, on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Tinkham, presented the "As-built plan" requested by the Commission. A site visit was scheduled for Saturday, April 7, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

#CE225-0372 -Notice of Intent, Public Hearing, 21 Spencer St.

The public hearing was opened at 8:16 p.m. with notice being read by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

Mr. Carlson, representing the applicant, Beverly Fagerheim, presented the application and plans. He stated that the application is for a proposed repair of a single family septic system, which is partially within the 100 foot buffer zone of the Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Mr. Carlson stated that they also filed with the Board of Health for a waiver for the local upgrade. According to Mr. Carlson, if the Conservation Commission approves of the wetland line, they can go forward with the Board of Health application. He said there is no other location for the septic system.

Mr. Lee recommended that the erosion controls get extended to the driveway. Mr. Carlson stated that he would make that change to the plan and would submit a revised plan after the meeting with the Board of Health, just in case any other changes were required.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 8:29 p.m.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, it was voted unanimously to approve an Order of Conditions, pending the revised plan being submitted by Mr. Carlson. (Note: Revised plan, dated 4/9/12, was received. OOC issued 4/20/12)

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Informal Discussion

Dewey Field Access

Nathan Maltinsky – Community Preservation Committee

Mr. Maltinsky explained how the Dewey property had been purchased with CPC funds. The Dewey property abuts the Cassidy field, he said. Mr. Maltinsky stated that the Dewey field had not been hayed or maintained for two years and was in disarray. Mr. Mayo of Course Brook Farm has large equipment and has been hired to hay/maintain the field. He explained that Mr. Mayo needs a larger access to the Dewey field. Mr. Maltinsky stated that he has spoken with Mr. Aspinwall and Mr. McKay and the DPW would create the access. The Commission agreed that an access can be created, as Nate explained, by removing the brush/vegetation, large stones, small tree/branches, etc. between Cassidy and the Dewey property.

Other Business:

Minutes

On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Rich, the minutes from March 5, 2012, were unanimously approved as written.

Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings: May 7, 2012

There being no further business, on a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Camille Standley
Administrative Assistant*