

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

**August 6, 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  
Christine Gavin, Cara Krinsky, Daniel Lee

Members Absent: Ed Chisholm  
Anne Rich  
\*Loretta Fitzgerald – resigned

Others present: Weston Silva, GCG Associates, Inc., 84 Main St., Wilmington, MA  
Tim Chorey, 16 Pollard Dr.  
Michelle Schofield, 37 Ticonderoga Ln.  
Jim McKay, Millis DPW  
John Davis, 80 Markwood Dr., Barrington, RI  
Kara Ryan, 111 Acorn St.

**Girl Scout Project Update  
Verderber/Pleasant St.  
Michelle Schofield**

Ms. Schofield updated the Commission on the previously approved project for Girl Scout Troop 74951. She presented photos and a handout of the trails that the girls cleaned out. She said that approximately 17 girls, aged 10-11 years old, put in 27 ½ hours of work on the project. They removed brush, raked, and cut limbs with a bow saw, Ms. Schofield stated. The girls also made and placed trail markers and “Hiking Trail” signs. Ms. Schofield said that a celebration was held at the project site and many turned out to see the work the girls had done. Commission member, Anne Rich, attended the celebration and stated that the girls did a “fantastic job.”

The Commission thanked Ms. Schofield, and the Girl Scouts, for a job very well done.

**#CE225-0374 – Notice of Intent, Public Hearing, Forest Rd. Water Main Extension**

The public hearing was opened at 7:39 p.m. with notice being read by Dr. Lederer.

Mr. Silva of GCG Associates, representing the Town of Millis, presented the application and plans. He stated that the project site is located along Forest Road – beginning at the intersection between Forest Rd. and Birch St., and continues in an easterly direction to the Forest Rd. Bridge over the Charles River. Mr. Silva said that the Town of Millis proposes to install a new eight-inch Water Main on Forest Rd. and reclaim the existing pavement surface. Mr. Silva described the siltation/erosion controls and stated that haybales extend the entire length of the project, with the exception of a driveway. Drainage will be greatly improved on the roadway, according to Mr. Silva.

There being no further questions, on a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Gavin, it was voted unanimously at 7:51 p.m. to close the public hearing.

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On a motion made by Ms. Gavin, seconded by Mr. Lee, an Order of Conditions, with Special Conditions, was approved for DEP File #CE225-0374, Forest Road water main extension project.

**#CE225-0280**

**111 Acorn Street**

**Req. for Certificate of Compliance**

Ms. Ryan contacted the Commission secretary because she is selling her home and realized that the Order of Conditions on her property is still open. She stated that the person who was hired to complete the project had passed away and she was unaware that there was never a Certificate of Compliance requested. Dr. Lederer was able to conduct a site visit prior to the meeting.

The Commission reviewed the site visit report. Dr. Lederer was not able to confirm compliance as the plan submitted was not a complete “as-built” plan, showing dimensions, measurements, wetland delineations, etc. Dr. Lederer also noted a pool on the property which was not on the property when the Order of Conditions was issued.

Ms. Ryan stated that when the pool was constructed, they were told they did not need to file an application with the Commission. Mr. Lee stated that without the wetland line delineated on the plan, it is difficult to note whether or not the pool construction was in violation of the Wetlands Protection Act. It was recommended that Ms. Ryan submit a “letter of hardship” requesting a “variance” for the pool construction. Ms. Ryan will contact her engineer to have the plan revised as requested by the Commission. Once the plan is received, Dr. Lederer will review it and authorize issuance of the Certificate of Compliance if all looks in order.

(Note: The following morning, Ms. Ryan submitted a letter from Ivan Szilassy, Soil Evaluator, dated March 13, 2007, wherein he stated, “soil samples obtained in the vicinity of the proposed swimming pool revealed non-hydric subsoils...” She stated that is the reason they did not apply for any permits through the Conservation Commission. Dr. Lederer reviewed the revised plan and the Certificate of Compliance was issued 8/7/12.)

**New Business:**

**714 & 720 Main Street**

**Demolition**

**John Davis**

Unpermitted activities on the site were observed. The contractor demolished the structures on the property and debris was observed in the buffer zone. Mr. Davis was requested to attend the meeting.

Mr. Davis stated they were not aware that they were in the buffer zone. He stated that silt fencing has been installed and the loom pile has been moved away from the wetlands. Mr. Davis apologized as he was issued a demolition permit from the Building Inspector and he was not aware of the proximity to the buffer zone/wetlands. Mr. Davis stated that a biologist who

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came onsite believes some of the wetland flagging is inaccurate. They will be preparing a more formal plan/application at a later date, but their concern was “cleaning the property up.”

**Other Business:**

**Open Conservation Commission Position**

Mr. Tim Chorey had emailed the Commission his resume, expressing interest in filling the open Conservation Commission position. The Commission discussed his qualifications and responsibilities of the position. The Commission will notify the Board of Selectmen that they recommend approval of his appointment to the Commission.

**Minutes**

On a motion made by Mr. Lederer, seconded by Ms. Krinsky, the minutes from June 4, 2012, were unanimously approved.

Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings:     September 10, 2012

There being no further business, on a motion made by Ms. Gavin, seconded by Mr. Lee, and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Camille Standley  
Department Assistant*