

**MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Room 104, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA
Monday, January 27, 2014**

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

The following members were present:

Dr. James Lederer, Ed Chisholm, Tim Chorey, Christine Gavin, Cara Krinsky, Daniel Lee, Anne Rich

Members Absent:

Others present: Stephen MacInnes, 78 Island Rd.
 Wayne Carlson, 261 Union St.
 Michael Walsh, 227 Exchange St.
 John & Martha Kerns, 90 Belknap Rd., Framingham
 Girl Scout Troop 74941 (8 members)
 - Leaders Judy O’Gara & Peg Atkisson

**GIRL SCOUT TROOP 74941
COMMUNITY GARDEN PROPOSAL**

The Girl Scouts presented their proposal for a Community Garden in town. They propose to establish initial demonstration plots, approximately 15’ x 30’, to work with schools and other scout troops, growing vegetables; many of which could be donated to the food pantry. Eventually they would hope to open it up to more general use by reaching out to the community to establish a governing board and long-term sustainability. According to the girls, they spoke to Ms. Laura Tangerini and she has offered to mentor them. The Girl Scouts have two years to complete the project for their Silver Award.

The Girl Scouts are requesting location ideas from the Commission to use a portion of a Conservation Commission parcel for the community garden. Dr. Lederer stated that he would speak to the Tangerini’s to discuss possible locations and get back to the Girl Scouts. The Commission was in favor of the Community Garden proposal and thanked the Girl Scouts for their presentation.

DEP FILE #CE225-0376 - NOTICE OF INTENT, PUBLIC HEARING CONT.
410 EXCHANGE STREET
OAK GROVE FARM

The public hearing continuation was opened at 7:46 p.m. by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

Mr. Michael Walsh, P.E., presented the footbridge plan entitled, “Amber’s Brook Footbridge, Oak Grove Farm,” dated December 21, 2013 (2 sheets). The Commission reviewed the plan.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Mr. Lee, it was voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 7:51 p.m.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Ms. Gavin, it was voted unanimously to approve an Order of Conditions for the project.

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NEW BUSINESS:

**Auburn Road
John & Martha Kerns
Informal Discussion**

Mr. Wayne Carlson presented a sketch plan of the Kerns' property on Auburn Road. The wetlands were flagged on the plan, Mr. Carlson said, with the line being defined by soil and vegetation. Mr. Carlson stated that a single family home construction is being considered, however, the entire area is within the 100-foot buffer zone and 50-foot do not disturb zone. Mr. Chisholm stated that a Notice of Intent filing would be required. The Commission would consider mitigation for the project, but that would be further discussed during the Notice of Intent hearing process.

**6 Myrtle Street
Horse Farm
Informal Discussion**

Mr. Carlson stated that the property is 45 acres and potential buyers of the property are considering constructing a commercial horse farm. Zoning issues were discussed, as well as floodplain and wetland issues. Mr. Carlson stated that 46 horses would be housed on the farm. Mr. Carlson said that the sale of the property "has not gone through yet." Mr. Carlson will flag the wetlands and file an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation.

OTHER BUSINESS:

**DEP Email
Philip Nadeau
Commonwealth Blvd.**

An email, dated January 21, 2014, and map were received from DEP. An area of possible wetlands filling violations was discussed. The Commission will provide DEP with the address of the location in question.

Minutes

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, the draft minutes from December 16, 2013, were unanimously approved as written.

Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings: February 24, 2014

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

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Standley, Department Assistant