MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Room 206, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA

November 17, 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, Chair Anne Rich, Vice-Chair

Ed Chisholm, Tim Chorey, Christine Gavin, Cara Krinsky

Members Absent: Daniel Lee

Others present: Mr. & Mrs. Tom Pemberton, 86 Craven Court, Taunton, MA 02780

23 Pleasant Street - Informal Discussion

Mr. & Mrs. Pemberton

The Commission met with Mr. & Mrs. Pemberton at Mr. Pemberton's request. Mr. Pemberton had filed for a building permit to build a 10' x 10' deck on the existing house at 23 Pleasant St. Mr. Pemberton stated that the "deck is already there" as there "was a miscommunication with the Building Inspector." Mr. Pemberton was told to stop work by the building inspector and get a sign-off on his building permit by the Conservation Commission. Mr. Pemberton said there is also an in-ground pool on the property which he wishes to demolish as it is a safety hazard.

The Commission reviewed the mortgage plot plan provided by Mr. Pemberton. They suggested that Mr. Pemberton file an after-the fact Request for Determination of Applicability. The Commission scheduled a site visit for Saturday, November 22, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. (Note: Mr. Pemberton submitted the Request for Determination of Applicability and the public hearing will be scheduled for Monday, December 8, 2014.)

PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO WETLANDS RULES & REGULATIONS

The public hearing was opened at 8:00 p.m. with notice being read by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

The Commission discussed the proposed amendments to the Wetlands Protection Rules & Regulations, promulgated under the Town of Millis Wetlands Protection Bylaw, Article XIX. Sub-sections proposed to be amended include:

Sec. 5, Terms & Definitions, 5.1 Abutter, by adding a paragraph to request a waiver from 300 feet to 100 feet;

Sec. 2, Filing Requirements, Subsection 2.2 (1) by adding (c) requesting a copy of credentials of wetlands scientist;

Subsection 2.3 Notice of Intent, (2), by replacing the first sentence to include "by certified wetlands scientist(s)";

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And the addition of:

Subsection 2.3 Notice of Intent, paragraph (4), to now read:

Any person filing a Notice of Intent under the Bylaw shall also notify by certified mail all Abutters of the filing of such Notice of Intent. Such notice shall clearly identify the land on which the Work is to be done and describe the general nature of the Work. **Notice shall include where Plans may be reviewed.** A list of all Abutters so notified and proof of such notification shall be filed with the Commission prior to the opening of the public hearing. If proof of said notification is not presented to the Commission, the public hearing shall not be opened. Said notification of Abutters should be sent not less than eight (8) business days prior to the scheduled hearing. For example, when a hearing is scheduled for a regular Monday hearing, said notification should be sent, at the latest, by Wednesday of the second week prior to the day of the meeting.

On a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Ms. Gavin, it was voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 8:11 p.m.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Ms. Krinsky, it was voted unanimously to approve all proposed amendments.

OTHER BUSINESS:

DEP File #CE225-0379 1465 Main Street Certificate of Compliance

A site visit was conducted on Saturday, November 1, 2014, at 8:00 a.m. A Certificate of Compliance was issued.

Minutes

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Ms. Gavin, the minutes from October 6, 2014, were unanimously approved as amended.

Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings: December 8, 2014 January 12, 2015

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

Respectfully submitt	ed,
Camille Standley, D	epartment Assistant