

**MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Room 104, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA
March 30, 2015**

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, Daniel Lee

Members Absent:

Others present: Michael & Tina Giampietro, 12 Lawrence St., Milford
Brian Main, Town of Millis PM
Kevin Witzell, CDRM
Tom Hevner, Sovereign Consulting Inc., 16 Chestnut St., Foxboro, MA
Jim Jackson, CDR Maguire
Laura Simkins, Sovereign Consulting Inc., 16 Chestnut St., Foxboro, MA
Wayne Klocko, Permanent Building Comm.
Ilana Quirk, Kopelman & Paige, Town Counsel
Keith Edison, Police Chief
Dianne Taiste, 75 Pleasant St.
Michael Carter, GCG Associates, Inc.
Wayne Carlson, Carlson Survey

**DEP FILE #CE 225-0386 NOTICE OF INTENT, PUBLIC HEARING, CONT.
29 ACORN STREET
MICHAEL & TINA GIAMPIETRO**

The public hearing continuation was opened at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Wayne Carlson, representing Mr. and Mrs. Giampietro, presented the revised plan for the Commission's review. The requested changes were made: boulder placement is shown on the plan and represented by "black dots" and planting notes have been added. The elevation change on the plan from 150 to 149 for the driveway turnaround has also been shown. There was no further discussion.

On a motion made by Mr. Chorey, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, it was voted unanimously at 7:41 p.m. to close the public hearing.

On a motion made by Dr. Lederer, seconded by Ms. Rich, it was voted unanimously to approve an Order of Conditions, with Special Conditions, for 29 Acorn Street, DEP File #CE225-0386.

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**DEP FILE #CE 225-0388 NOTICE OF INTENT, PUBLIC HEARING, CONT.
37 AUBURN ROAD – NEW POLICE STATION
TOWN OF MILLIS/POLICE DEPT.**

The public hearing continuation was opened at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Klocko summarized the framework for the new police station project. He stated that it was developed in the 2001 Master Plan. When the Centennial Place project was approved, he said, the new police station was always intended to be at this site. Mr. Klocko said that the approved and funded budget is just under ten million dollars. He stated that the old library demolition had just begun.

Mr. Jackson of CDR Maguire described the existing drainage on the site. The proposed building location necessitates the relocation of an underground, culverted stream currently flowing north to south through the southeastern portion of the property. The culvert cannot remain under the proposed new building. Mr. Jackson stated that a revised Stormwater Management Report had been submitted since the original filing. He stated that some improvements were made to increase flow and they added more infiltration to reduce the volume. Mr. Jackson answered the Commission’s questions regarding concerns over sedimentation, flow, etc. He stated that the design had been reviewed by various engineers, some representing the Town, and all approved of the design. According to Mr. Jackson, “there shouldn’t be a lot of sediment coming into” the system and they will “reduce flows by bio-retention.” He said that maintenance and cleaning of the catch basins will be done and the DPW is aware of the additional cleaning. Mr. Jackson stated that an inspector representing the Town will be on site during construction and BETA Engineering, the Planning Board’s consulting engineers, will also be involved.

Mr. Klocko stated that they feel they have improved the design and they are “doing the best with what we have.”

There was no further discussion.

On a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Ms. Rich, it was voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 8:07 p.m.

On a motion made by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Ms. Rich, it was voted unanimously to approve an Order of Conditions, with Special Conditions, for the new police station culvert relocation project, DEP File #CE225-0388.

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**DEP FILE #CE 225-0387 NOTICE OF INTENT, PUBLIC HEARING
7 WATER STREET – PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT
TOWN OF MILLIS/DPW**

The public hearing was opened at 8:10 p.m. with notice being read by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

Mr. Carter, representing the DPW, presented the application and plans. Mr. Carter stated that the Town proposes to construct a new submersible sewage pumping station and abandon the existing station. The project site is located in the parking lot of the DPW garage, he said. The proposed new station is located approximately 50 feet south of the existing station. Mr. Carter said that there is a de-watering plan and an Operation and Maintenance Plan as part of the filing. Mr. Carter discussed the resource areas involved. According to Mr. Carter, there will be minimal impact and they will be working within the buffer zone, not within the wetland. No adverse impact on the existing resource area is expected, he said. A resident engineer will be on site as well, he stated.

There was no further discussion.

On a motion made by Mr. Chorey, seconded by Ms. Krinsky, it was voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 8:32 p.m.

On a motion made by Dr. Lederer, seconded by Ms. Krinsky, it was voted unanimously to approve an Order of Conditions, with Special Conditions, for the pump station replacement project at 7 Water Street, DEP File #CE225-0387.

75 Pleasant Street

Dianne Taiste

Informal Discussion re: Backyard Chickens

Ms. Taiste requested to meet with the Commission to discuss the possibility of housing backyard chickens on her property. She would like to raise four chickens for household eggs and composting. According to Ms. Taiste, her property abuts wetlands and she wanted to confirm that the Commission would have no issues.

The Commission had no concerns about the proposed chickens as long as any coop/housing is in the center of the backyard so as not to have any adverse impact on abutting wetland resource areas. Ms. Taiste was instructed to follow the proper permitting requirements with the Board of Health before getting chickens. The Commission thanked her for discussing her concerns beforehand.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Minutes

On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, the minutes from February 23, 2015, were unanimously approved as written.

Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings: April 27, 2015

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There being no further business, on a motion made by Ms. Gavin, seconded by Mr. Chorey, and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Standley, Department Assistant