### MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

### Room 104, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA

March 5, 2018

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, Christine Gavin, Daniel Lee

Caitlin Nover, Nover-Armstrong Assoc.

Members Absent: Charles Tangerini

Others present: Michael Ryan, 432 Village St.

Rick Merrikin, Merrikin Engineering, 730 Main St.

Heather Maguire, 432 Village St.

Nicole Hayes, Goddard Consulting, Northborough, MA

James Lederer, 10 Paddock Lane

Paul DeSimone, Colonial Engineering, 11 Awl St., Medway

Bob Fox, Ridge St.

Ramcharan Khalsa, 10 Buddy Kearney Lane

## <u>DEP FILE # CE225-0412, NOTICE OF INTENT, PUBLIC HEARING 72 FARM STREET - MICHAEL RYAN</u>

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

Mr. Rick Merrikin, representing the applicant, presented the application and plans. The Notice of Intent proposes work associated with the construction of a single-family home on an existing undeveloped lot located at 72 Farm Street with new utilities and driveway built along an existing easement through 76 Farm Street. According to Mr. Merrikin, "the lot was cut in half to create two lots." The property is owned by the applicant's grandmother. A small barn and paddock area are shown on the plans; however, Mr. Merrikin stated that they are not proposing to build them at this time. Mr. Merrikin discussed the resource areas involved and stated that the Bordering Vegetated Wetlands were flagged and Mr. Wayne Carlson, the Commission's representative, approved of the flagging. No disturbance of the wetland resource area is proposed, with the exception of the driveway which is needed to access the upland areas at the rear of the site. The proposed development maintains a 50' undisturbed buffer zone around bordering vegetated wetlands.

The Commission reviewed the plan and requested that the barn and paddock be removed from the plan since they are not proposed to be constructed at this time. It was also requested that the house shift backwards to be out of the buffer zone. Mr. Merrikin will make the requested revisions to the plan.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Mr. Lee, it was voted unanimously at 7:47 p.m. to continue the public hearing to Monday, April 2, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

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# DEP FILE# CE225-0407, ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF RESOURCE AREA DELINEATION, PUBLIC HEARING, CONT. RIDGE STREET (MAP 20, LOT 025)

(Note: As an abutter to the application, Dr. Lederer recused himself from the public hearing continuation)

The public hearing continuation was opened at 7:48 p.m. with notice being read by Ms. Anne Rich, Vice-Chair.

Ms. Nicole Hayes of Goddard Consulting, representing the applicant, presented the revised plans. She stated that after a site visit with Nover-Armstrong on February 19, 2018, the local bylaw wetland line was "agreed upon" and delineated. Ms. Hayes stated that Nover-Armstrong believes the streams "are perennial." The applicant requested to withdraw a determination regarding the intermittent stream status of streams on the property, she said. Ms. Hayes stated that State and local wetlands only are shown on the site. She stated that when filing a Notice of Intent, more information may be provided at a later date for clarification if necessary. Ms. Rich requested that the stream be re-labeled on the plan as perennial. Ms. Hayes stated that the plan will be revised as soon as possible and submitted to the Commission. She asked that the public hearing process be closed at the applicant's request.

On a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Ms. Gavin, it was voted unanimously at 7:59 p.m. to close the public hearing. An Order of Resource Area Delineation was approved. (Note: the revised plan (revised March 6, 2018) was submitted on March 7, 2018, and an ORAD issued March 23, 2018)

# <u>DEP FILE#CE225-0398, NOTICE OF INTENT, PUBLIC HEARING, CONT.</u> <u>28 EDEN STREET - THOMAS ROCHE</u>

The public hearing continuation was opened at 8:00 p.m. by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

Mr. Roche, via email dated February 13, 2018, requested a continuance as he is "still working on legal issues."

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Mr. Lee, it was voted unanimously at 8:01 p.m. to continue the public hearing to Monday, May 21, 2018, 7:35 p.m.

# <u>DEP FILE # CE225-0413, NOTICE OF INTENT, PUBLIC HEARING 11 ROLLING MEADOW DR. – K. LEVANGIE & M. MCMAHON</u>

The public hearing was opened at 8:02 p.m. by Ms. Rich, Vice Chair.

Mr. Paul DeSimone, representing the applicant, presented the application and plan. The Notice of Intent proposes construction of an addition and deck to an existing home. According to Mr.

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DeSimone, the wetland line was previously approved by the Commission from another filing. No changing of grades or filling is proposed.

The Commission reviewed the plan and requested that it be revised to show the dimensions/size of the proposed deck and a reference to the DEP File number where the wetland line was confirmed (DEP File #CE225-0407).

On a motion made by Dr. Lederer, seconded by Mr. Lee, it was voted unanimously at 8:13 p.m. to continue the public hearing to Monday, April 2, 2018, 7:45 p.m.

#### Other Business:

#### **Conservation Commission Member**

The Commission met with Mr. Ramcharan Khalsa, who expressed interest in becoming a member. Mr. Khalsa would replace member Cara Krinsky, who recently resigned from the Commission, and whose term expires the last day of June 2020.

The Commission agreed that Mr. Khalsa's background and experience (renewable energy/sustainability) would be an asset to the Conservation Commission. The Commission will recommend that the Selectmen appoint Mr. Khalsa to the Commission at their earliest convenience.

### **FY2018 Inter-Function Transfers**

Due to the annual deficit in the Conservation Commission Salaries Account, the Commission approved Inter-Function Transfers from the Conservation Commission Expenses Account and the Wetlands Protection Fund to cover the deficit.

#### **Minutes**

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Ms. Gavin, the minutes from February 5, 2018, were unanimously approved as amended.

Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings: April 2, 2018 (Room 104)
May 21, 2018 (Room 104)

There being no further business, on a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Mr. Lee, and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,