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

April 1, 2019

The meeting was brought to order at 7:35 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

Members Absent: Ram Charan Khalsa

Others present: Dana Altobello, Merrill Eng., 427 Columbia Rd., Hanover, MA JaiKaur LeBlanc, 30 Myrtle St. (Board of Health) John McVeigh, Board of Health

REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY, PUBLIC HEARING ORCHARD STREET GAS MAIN PROJECT

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The public hearing was opened at 7:35 p.m. by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

Mr. Altobello, representing the applicant, presented the application and plans. The application is for the proposed installation of a new gas main within a portion of Orchard Street. A portion of the proposed gas main installation route is located within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, 200-foot Riverfront Area and Bordering Land Subject to Flooding. Mr. Altobello stated that since the proposed project occurs within the existing paved roadway and/or edge of the existing paved roadway, there will be no impact to wetland resource areas. Applicable erosion controls will be implemented during the project to ensure protection of wetland resource areas, he said.

There was discussion regarding the two Bogastow Brook crossings. The Commission cautioned that these locations be looked at closely and if any changes to the work proposed is required; they are to come back before the Commission. The Commission will also require erosion controls be inspected prior to any work commencing.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Mr. Lee, it was voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 7:44 p.m.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Ms. Gavin, it was voted unanimously to approve a Negative 3 Determination of Applicability with the following special conditions:

(1) Notify Commission for erosion control inspection/approval **prior to commencing any work**

(2) ANY unanticipated work (i.e. installation not accomplished via open trench method w/in the existing paved roadway or edge of paved roadway) on the wetland side of the erosion control or at the two Bogastow Brook crossings must have separate ConCom approval

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Informal Discussion - Beavers JaiKaur LeBlanc & John McVeigh – Board of Health

Ms. LeBlanc, the Chair of the Board of Health, stated that they are the beaver trapping permitting authority for the Town. She stated that the Board has been discussing their unease with the permit process for beaver trapping. The Board of Health plans on undertaking the creation of better documentation requirements before granting permits for beaver trapping as well as post-permit documentation. Ms. LeBlanc has spoken with the Mass Wildlife official in charge of beaver matters and has also been in touch with a business they recommended which deals in non-lethal solutions for beaver-related problems. The Board would like to "pivot" to non-lethal practices first, she said.

Ms. LeBlanc provided information on beaver permitting and on a newer device available called "The Keystone Fence." A maintenance plan may also be purchased for the devices. Mr. McVeigh stated that they are hoping to purchase a few of the fence devises and will try them in three sites in town and see how it works. The Commission was in support of trying the newer, non-lethal devises proposed by the Board of Health.

Other Business:

Regency at Glen Ellen – Phase 2D Construction Ed Chisholm – Update

Mr. Chisholm stated that he had been by the project numerous times and the developer was not in compliance with the Commission's requests. Nover-Armstrong and BETA had been conducting Monitoring Report and site inspections, and numerous items of concern were not addressed. The Commission will email Toll Brothers and require that all items in the latest site inspection report be addressed/completed by April 8, 2019. If they are not completed, the Commission will require that someone from BETA/Nover-Armstrong be on-site daily at the applicant's expense.

Minutes

On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, the minutes from March 4, 2019, were unanimously approved as written.

Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings:	May 6, 2019
	June 3, 2019

There being no further business, on a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Ms. Rich, and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Standley Administrative Assistant