

**MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Room 104, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA
April 27, 2015**

The meeting was brought to order at 7:32 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: Jim McKay, DPW/Planning Board
 Dan Merrikin, Merrikin Engineering, 730 Main St., Ste. 2C
 Robert Fox, Acorn of Millis, 275 Turnpike, Canton
 Barbara Thissell, Board of Health
 Marta J. Nover, Nover-Armstrong, 124 Main St., Carver

**HICKORY HILLS SUBDIVISION
SEDIMENTATION ISSUES
UPDATE/DISCUSSION**

Mr. Merrikin, representing the applicant, described what happened on the site regarding the sedimentation problems. The contractor worked through the winter, Mr. Merrikin said, and due to the amount of heavy snow, “it was almost like it rained on the site everyday” once this started the melt/thaw. According to Mr. Merrikin, a weekend rainfall event caused problems even though the swale and perimeter erosion controls were in place. The perimeter erosion controls could not handle the rainfall, he said. The contractor immediately addressed the problem and vacuumed the sediment out of the wetland and added more check dams, etc. They also built a temporary sediment basin to try to trap fine silt in the glacial till, he said. They have also addressed the turbidity issue.

Mr. Merrikin stated that they met with the Town Administrator and others about two weeks prior to discuss the issue and they have been remedying the situation by installing “FlocLog” and “other treatment programs.” According to Mr. Merrikin, “the treatment systems got overwhelmed during a thunderstorm event last Monday.” The contractor is still vacuuming and re-grading and they have hydroseeded the exposed area. He stated this is a groundwater issue; not really a rain issue. It has been drying over the last four weeks, Mr. Merrikin said, and “within four to five weeks, the groundwater weeping should stop.” The second storage sediment basin will be built as soon as this happens. They will assess the entire wetland with the Commission in another few weeks and “will do whatever needs to be done.”

Mr. Chisholm stated, and the Commission agreed, that the developer is to **stop all work**; such as cutting of trees, clearing and removal of soil, until all of the sedimentation issues are resolved. The only work allowed is that which directly deals with the sediment work. Ms. Thissell stated that they should work on stabilizing everything they possibly can and “do whatever it takes to get grass growing.” Mr. Merrikin said that they will do that within a week

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or two. Ms. Thissell stated that the basin “was supposed to be in first,” according to the approved plan, and the developer did not do this. Mr. Chorey agreed that it should have been the first thing to be built. He said that the developer needs to maintain and clean out the basins/drainage weekly prior to storms.

Ms. Thissell stated that any wetland remediation shall be determined by the Commission. Mr. Merrikin stated that he will look at everything with the Commission in a few weeks. Remediation will be at the Conservation Commission’s discretion, he said. Ms. Nover, the wetlands specialist representing the Commission, stated that she looked at the site and further injury to the wetland must be prevented. If there is a storm event, there could be problems, she said. She will take a closer look at the site and keep the Commission updated. The Commission will contact DEP CERO so they are made aware of the issues discussed.

REQUESTS FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE:

DEP FILE #CE 225-0358 – CVS (Milliston Common)

DEP FILE #CE 225-0362 – Middlesex Bank

DEP FILE #CE 225-0348 – 730 Main St. & 27 Milliston Rd. (Milliston Place)

Mr. Merrikin, on behalf of the applicant (Ellen Realty Trust & 2 Milliston Road LLC), presented Requests for Certificate of Compliance for the three above-mentioned projects. As-built plans were submitted. The Commission scheduled site visits for Monday, May 4, 2015, at 6:30 PM.

On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, Certificates of Compliance were unanimously approved, pending the results of the site visits. (Note: the site visits were conducted on 5-4-15 and all work done was in accordance with the Orders of Conditions. Certificates of Compliance were issued.)

**23 PLEASANT STREET
INFORMAL DISCUSSION
NICOLE MACLEOD**

Ms. MacLeod had contacted the Commission to discuss the above-mentioned property which she may be purchasing. Ms. MacLeod was not in attendance. (Note: Ms. MacLeod was contacted the next day and stated that she was not going to proceed with the purchase of the property.)

NEW BUSINESS:

43 Auburn Road

Discussion Re: Possible Unpermitted Work

The Commission members observed work/clearing being done on the property which may be in violation of the Wetlands Protection Act and Millis Wetlands Protection Bylaw. A letter will be sent requesting the owners stop work and attend the May 18, 2015 meeting.

