MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

April 8, 2013

The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 p.m. by Dr. James Lederer, Chair.

The following members were present:

Dr. James Lederer, Anne Rich, Ed Chisholm, Christine Gavin.

Members Absent: Tim Chorey

Cara Krinsky Daniel Lee

Others present: Daniel Merrikin, Merrikin Engineering, 730 Main St.

John Davis, 1600 Boston-Providence (Rte. 1), Walpole, MA

111 Acorn Street- Pool House Construction Informal Discussion Daniel Merrikin

The Conservation Commission conducted a site visit at 111 Acorn Street on March 30, 2013. There was discussion regarding the presence of wetland resource areas on the site. A plan from 1998 had shown wetlands on the property.

The Commission has determined that although the area has periodic saturation due to drainage, high water table, etc., the area does not meet the criteria for a wetland. This determination is based on a letter from Ivan Szilassy of Municipal Service Engineering, Inc., dated March 13, 2007, a letter from Russell Waldron, Applied Ecological Sciences, dated March 27, 2013, and a site visit conducted by the Commission on March 30, 2013

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, it was determined, based on the confirmation letters of two botanists and the site visit, there are no wetlands on the property at 111 Acorn Street.

New Business: 714 & 720 Main Street Informal Discussion John Davis

The Commission was made aware of building permits issued to Mr. Davis for construction of two homes at the above address. The Commission had requested that Mr. Davis come before them prior to construction as there had been concerns/issues raised when they were clearing the property.

Mr. Davis presented sketches, prepared by Merrikin Engineering, of the property. Mr. Merrikin stated that the default protection zone for the well is delineated on the plan. Mr. Davis would like to proceed with pouring the foundations for the homes. Hay bales and silt fence will be installed along the 100-foot buffer zone line "right away," he said. One of the two lots requires a Request for Determination filing for the landscaping portion of the construction. Mr. Davis stated he would file the application.

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Culvert Relocation – Informal Discussion

Ed Chisholm

Mr. Chisholm had discussed with Mr. Aspinwall the potential culvert re-location for the proposed new police station. Mr. Chisholm was of the opinion that a Notice of Intent would be required. The Commission agreed.

Other Business:

DEP File #225-86

DEP File #225-0245

17 Dean Street/Anderson

Requests for Certificate of Compliance

A site visit was scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.

(Note: the site visit was conducted. Certificates of Compliance were issued for both DEP File numbers on April 25, 2013.)

DEP File #225-0347

7 Pine House Rd./Matthews

Request for Certificate of Compliance

A site visit was scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2013, at 6:15 p.m.

(Note: the site visit was conducted. A Certificate of Compliance was issued for DEP File#225-0347 on April 25, 2013.)

Tangerini Farm

Dr. Lederer will look into any restrictions to discuss at the next meeting.

Tree-Cutting Discussion

Map 46, Lot 10

Off Turner Street

An informative letter, requesting that the owner contact the Commission (via email or letter) was sent on March 5, 2013. Nothing has been received as of this date. Another letter will be sent to follow up.

Minutes

On a motion made by Dr. Lederer, seconded by Ms. Rich, the minutes from March 11, 2013, were unanimously approved as amended.

Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings: May 6, 2013

June 10, 2013

There being no further business, on a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Ms. Rich, and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Standley
Department Assistant