

**MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Room 104, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA
May 18, 2015**

The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 p.m. by Ms. Anne Rich, Vice Chair.

The following members were present:

Anne Rich, Vice Chair
Ed Chisholm, Christine Gavin, Cara Krinsky, Daniel Lee

Members Absent: Dr. James Lederer
 Tim Chorey

Others present: Kathleen & James Giles, 43 Auburn Rd.
 Dan Merrikin, Merrikin Engineering, 730 Main St., Ste. 2C
 Marta J. Nover, Nover-Armstrong, 124 Main St., Carver
 Dave Bauer, 3 Kirsi Circle, (Toll Bros.), Westford, MA
 Shawn Nuckolls, 4 Stratford Ln., Franklin, MA
 Scott Miccile, 35 High Point Way, (Toll Bros.) Wrentham, MA

**43 AUBURN ROAD
JAMES & KATHLEEN GILES
INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

The Commission had observed work being done on the property that may have been in violation of the Wetlands Protection Act and Wetlands Protection Bylaw. A letter was sent requesting that Mr. & Mrs. Giles attend the meeting.

Mr. & Mrs. Giles stated that they bought the property in 2012. After a tree fell and hit the house, they decided to remove other trees and do some clearing. Mrs. Giles stated that the property was in foreclosure and they never received a deed of land and they were not aware that they were not allowed to do anything near/within the wetlands without permission. Mrs. Giles stated that they have no intention of doing any additional clearing.

Ms. Rich explained that the home is within the 100-foot buffer zone of the wetlands and anything they wish to do must come before the Conservation Commission. The Giles' stated that they were not aware of the restrictions and apologized.

The Commission scheduled a site visit for Wednesday, May 27, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

**GIRL SCOUT COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT
72 PLEASANT STREET
INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

No one was in attendance. A follow-up email will be sent.

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

Mr. Merrikin, representing the applicant, updated the Commission on the status of the sedimentation issues. Mr. Merrikin stated that the contractor had completed and hydroseeded the lower section of the swale behind the existing homes. They should have the rest of the swale loamed and seeded by the end of the week, he said. The Stormwater Basin under construction “should be substantially complete within the next two to three weeks,” Mr. Merrikin stated.

Ms. Nover discussed the Nover-Armstrong letter, dated May 4, 2015. She questioned Mr. Merrikin as to why their recommendations for additional erosion and sediment control measures were not being acted upon. She reviewed the comment letter recommendations. In Ms. Nover’s opinion, “there are quite a bit of things they could be doing in addition to the construction of the basin.” The contractor could be doing more to complete their recommendations, she said. As stated at the last meeting, Ms. Rich re-iterated that the applicant “may not open up any more land” until this work is done. Mr. Merrikin stated that he is on-site every day. As for a timeframe, he said, “probably four weeks from now, in total, to get everything done.”

Ms. Nover stated that the entire wetland has been impacted to some extent. When the area immediately down gradient is dry enough, hand/manual work will be needed to remove the sediment, she said. Mr. Merrikin stated that when the area is stabilized and dry, remediation/mitigation can be discussed. Mr. Merrikin will prepare a response letter to address Ms. Nover’s recommendations. He will also update the Commission bi-weekly until the next meeting on June 22, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS:

**GLEN ELLEN COUNTRY CLUB
TOLL BROTHERS
INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

Mr. Scott Miccile of Toll Brothers stated that they are “in contracts” to purchase Glen Ellen Country Club. He provided a history/summary of Toll Brothers. There is a valid Special Permit from the Planning Board, he said, and they have a “sixty day due diligence period” to look into the property/permit. Mr. Miccile stated that the Special Permit for a 341-unit age restricted senior residential community is valid until 2018.

An Order of Resource Area Delineation issued in 2006 recently expired, he said. Mr. Bauer stated that the golf course will be used as a passive recreation area and let it “go back to its natural environment.” Two wetland crossings are also shown on the plan. They intend to make some changes to the layout and request the Commission’s input regarding a “similar layout.” Mr. Lee stated that they would have to review the Wetlands Protection Bylaw and the Rules and

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Regulations as they are not allowed to do anything in the “inner fifty.” Mr. Bauer asked if there would be “a certain amount of flexibility with the outer fifty for grading and basins.” Mr. Lee stated that re-grading cannot change the way water flows. Each application is on a case by case basis, he said. Mr. Bauer asked if the Commission would review a “concept plan.” The Commission would review such a plan.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Minutes

On a motion made by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Mr. Lee, the minutes from April 27, 2015, were unanimously approved as written.

Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings: June 22, 2015

There being no further business, on a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. Lee, and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Standley, Department Assistant