

**MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Room 206, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA
Monday, June 10, 2013**

The meeting was brought to order at 7:34 p.m. by Dr. James Lederer, Chair.

The following members were present:

Dr. James Lederer, Ed Chisholm, Christine Gavin, Cara Krinsky, Daniel Lee, Anne Rich

Members Absent: Tim Chorey

Others present: Charles Aspinwall, Town Administrator
 Charles Tangerini, 139 Spring Street

**REQ. FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY, PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN WIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN (VMP)
RIGHT-OF-WAY MANAGEMENT
TOWN ON MILLIS/DPW**

The public hearing was opened at 7:34 p.m. with notice being read by Dr. Lederer, Chair. Mr. Charles Aspinwall presented the application and plans on behalf of the Department of Public Works for the Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) for the Town's right-of-way (ROW) management. The ROW Management Regulations are promulgated by the Mass. Dept. of Agricultural Resources. The five-year VMP, prepared by Stephanie Hanson of Comprehensive Environmental Inc., was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Aspinwall described the treatment measures; such as selective mowing and cutting; however there are some instances where chemical methods are used to control the poison ivy. When determined to be necessary, the use of a glyphosate-based herbicide will be used, he said. Mr. Aspinwall said they hope to do the work mid-July.

The Commission discussed the use of "more environmentally sound pesticides." Mr. Aspinwall will contact Ms. Hanson to see if she has any recommendations for organic alternative herbicides. Ms. Gavin will work with Ms. Hanson and Mr. Aspinwall as the ConCom representative.

On a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Ms. Rich, it was voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 7:55 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Ms. Krinsky, it was voted unanimously to approve a Negative 3 Determination of Applicability with the condition as follows:

Testing of organic alternative herbicides by recommendation of town's wetland consultant, in consultation with Chris Gavin as ConCom's authorized representative. Locations to be selected by Ms. Gavin.

(Note: Mr. Aspinwall forwarded an email from Ms. Hanson, dated June 11, 2013. She stated that "only products on the MassDAR sensitive materials list can be used in a ROW." Organic products not on the list can be applied for testing on a cemetery or parking lot.)

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Tangerini's Spring Street Farm

Informal Discussion

Charles Tangerini

Mr. Tangerini met informally with the Commission to discuss the possibility of his using a portion of the field at the 72 Pleasant Street property for farming. He would, in return, mow the whole parcel for the Commission. His interest is in the field closest to their farm on Spring Street. He stated that he would plant an organic based product which would not require the use of pesticides or herbicides.

Dr. Lederer stated that he had contacted the State and this was an allowable use of the property. Mr. Tangerini will prepare a written proposal and a public hearing was scheduled for Monday, July 8, 2013 to allow for any public comments. Town Counsel will also be consulted.

Other Business:

DEP File #225-0309

132 Pleasant St.

Req. for Certificate of Compliance

Mr. Sean Powers emailed the Commission inquiring into an open Order of Conditions for his property. The Order was issued to the previous owners (Warner) for a septic repair. The reason a Certificate of Compliance was not issued back in 2006 was because the ground cover had not yet been established over the work area. The Commission approved a Certificate of Compliance based on the results of a site visit.

(Note: Mr. Lee conducted a site visit on 6/11/13 and found the ground cover well established. The Certificate of Compliance will be issued.)

Payroll Signatories Vote (FY14)

On a motion made by Dr. Lederer, seconded by Mr. Lee, it was voted unanimously to authorize either Dr. Lederer or Ms. Rich to sign/approve Conservation Commission payroll for FY 14.

Signage

Ms. Rich ordered/purchased new signage to be placed on the Conservation Commission properties. The Commission approved the invoice in the amount of \$2,250.00 to Key Sign Co.

Minutes

On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Rich, the minutes from May 6, 2013, were unanimously approved as written.

Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings: July 8, 2013

There being no further business, on a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. Lee, and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Standley, Department Assistant