

**MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Room 130, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA
Monday, September 8, 2014**

The meeting was brought to order at 7:32 p.m. by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

The following members were present:

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

Members Absent: Ed Chisholm, Tim Chorey

Others present: Andrew Poyant, CDM Smith Inc.
Andrew Bissanti, Bissanti Realty
Leo Braun, 371 Village St.

DEP FILE #CE225-0385 – ABBREV. NOT. OF RESOURCE AREA DEL., PUBLIC HEARING
410 EXCHANGE ST., OAK GROVE
TOWN OF MILLIS

The public hearing was opened at 7:32 p.m. with notice being read by Dr. Lederer.

Mr. Poyant, Wetland Scientist from CDM Smith, presented the wetland delineation plan and application on behalf of the Town of Millis for the proposed athletic fields project. He stated that the application was filed to obtain concurrence on the field delineated jurisdictional wetland resource areas located on a portion of the Oak Grove Farm property. This portion, he said, has been identified as a potential area to expand town recreation areas. The wetland resource areas were flagged/delineated on July 8 and 9, 2014.

The Commission conducted a site visit to review the flagged delineation on September 3, 2014. The Commission agreed with the resource areas as delineated in the field and on the plans. Dr. Lederer stated that this application is to identify the wetland resource areas only. It does not authorize/permit any work in the wetland resource areas. Such work would require the filing of a Notice of Intent.

There being no further questions and on a motion made by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Ms. Rich, it was unanimously voted to close the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Ms. Gavin, it was voted unanimously to approve an accurate finding for the Order of Resource Area Delineation.

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**DEP FILE #CE225-0384 – ABBREV. NOT. OF RESOURCE AREA DEL., PUBLIC
HEARING
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLESTIC FIELDS
245 PLAIN ST.
TOWN OF MILLIS**

The public hearing was opened at 7:42 p.m. with notice being read by Dr. Lederer.

Mr. Poyant, Wetland Scientist from CDM Smith, presented the wetland delineation plan and application on behalf of the Town of Millis for the proposed athletic fields project. He stated that the application was filed to obtain concurrence on the extent of jurisdictional wetland resource areas established by CDM Smith at the High School property. The limit of wetland resource areas will be incorporated into the final design phase of the proposed athletic field improvements, he said.

The Commission conducted a site visit to review the flagged delineation on September 3, 2014. The Commission agreed with the resource areas as delineated in the field and on the plans. Dr. Lederer stated once again that this application is to identify the wetland resource areas only. It does not authorize/permit any work in the wetland resource areas. Such work would require the filing of a Notice of Intent.

There being no further questions and on a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Ms. Krinsky, it was unanimously voted to close the public hearing at 7:55 p.m.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Ms. Gavin, it was voted unanimously to approve an accurate finding for the Order of Resource Area Delineation.

Braun Family Land Informal Discussion

Dean/Turner Street

Andrew Bissanti, Bissanti Realty

Mr. Bissanti requested an informal discussion. He discussed a 24.9 acre parcel of land owned by the Braun family on Dean/Turner Streets. According to Mr. Bissanti, much of the property is impacted by Natural Heritage restrictions. Some of the property is in Millis and some in Norfolk. Mr. Bissanti stated that the wetlands have been flagged. Mr. Bissanti asked the Commission what type of relief might be available in order to access the Millis portion of the property. There was discussion regarding wetland replication and the creation of a driveway. Mr. Lee stated that if the location discussed was the only access to the lot, the Commission could consider wetland replication as compensation for any disturbed area. An application would have to be filed, however, and a formal vote made.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Spectra Energy/Algonquin Gas Transmission

Bill Fricke

Permission to Survey

ConCom Land Map 42, Lot 59

Mr. Fricke discussed the Algonquin Gas Project, which is an expansion of its interstate natural gas pipeline system. Mr. Fricke is seeking the Commission's consent to perform survey activities on a portion of the ConCom's property, outside of but adjacent to the existing Algonquin right-of-way. Field survey work is currently ongoing, he said. Dr. Lederer signed the survey authorization form.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Emergency Certification Ratification

101 Orchard Street

Robert Graci

The Commission was contacted by the Board of Health and Mr. Graci regarding a beaver dam causing flooding at 101 Orchard St. An Emergency Certification was issued on August 18, 2014, for breaching of the dam for trapping of beaver.

On a motion made by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Mr. Lee, it was voted unanimously to ratify the Emergency Certification issued for 101 Orchard Street.

79 Ridge Street - Email from DEP

The Commission received an email from Mr. Neadeau of DEP regarding an above ground pool next to wetlands and possible filling of wetlands. The Commission will send a letter and request the owners attend the next meeting to discuss the issue.

Minutes

On a motion made by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Mr. Lee, the minutes from July 28, 2014, were unanimously approved as written.

Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings: October 6, 2014

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

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Standley, Department Assistant