

**MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Room 206, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA  
Monday, September 9, 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, Ed Chisholm, Tim Chorey, Christine Gavin, Daniel Lee,

Members Absent: Cara Krinsky, Anne Rich

Others present: Paul Golden, 363 Exchange St.  
Donald May, 79 Beaver St., Milford, MA  
Kathy May, 79 Beaver St., Milford, MA  
Katy Golden, 363 Exchange St.  
Tessa May, 79 Beaver St., Milford, MA  
Sherrice Golden, 363 Exchange St.  
Steve MacInnes, 78 Island Rd.  
Laura Tangerini, 139 Spring St.  
Peter Harkey, 256 Orchard St.  
Joe Peznola, Hancock Associates, 315 Elm St., Marlboro, MA  
Robert Valchuis, 180 Farm Rd., Marlboro, MA  
Mark Coviello, 134 Ridge St.  
Wayne Carlson, Carlson Survey  
Richard Merrikin, Merrikin Engineering

**DEP FILE #CE225-0377 - NOTICE OF INTENT, PUBLIC HEARING**  
**266 PLEASANT STREET**  
**WARREN CHAMPAGNE**

The public hearing was opened at 7:30 p.m. with notice being read by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

Mr. Wayne Carlson, representing the applicant, presented the application and plans for the septic system upgrade. Mr. Carlson stated the project is to repair a failed septic system to an existing two-bedroom single family dwelling. They received approvals in August from the Board of Health and the Zoning Board of Appeals for the project, he said. The entire lot is under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Mr. Carlson stated that the system has been designed to minimize impact and the applicant would like to do the work this year.

The Commission reviewed the plans. A Special Condition was discussed which would require that three 3-inch caliper silver maple trees be planted anywhere on the property; preferably adjacent to the bank and not within 50-feet of the septic leaching field. There were no further questions.

On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Chorey, it was voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Chorey, it was voted unanimously to approve an Order of Conditions.

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**DEP FILE #CE225-0376 - NOTICE OF INTENT, PUBLIC HEARING  
410 EXCHANGE STREET  
OAK GROVE FARM**

The public hearing was opened at 7:51 p.m. with notice being read by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

Mr. Wayne Carlson presented the application and plans. The proposed project is to repair and replace an existing 5-foot foot bridge over a previously disturbed brook (Amber's Brook). The bridge will be constructed off-site and then installed. The current bridge is deteriorating and in need of replacement, Mr. Carlson said. The new bridge will be "a little larger in length," he said. As part of the Notice of Intent application, Mr. Carlson included a document entitled, "Analysis of Rivers Act, Presumptions and Alternatives Under 310 CMR 58 (4) (c)."

The Commission requested a more detailed description of the proposed foot bridge to be constructed. Mr. Carlson stated that they wanted to see if the Commission was amenable to the project prior to going into more detailed plans. Mr. Carlson will come back with the plans requested showing more detail and a cross section of the bridge.

On a motion made by Mr. Chorey, seconded by Mr. Lee, it was voted unanimously to continue the public hearing at 8:01 p.m. to Monday, October 7, 2013, 7:30 p.m.

**REQ. FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY, PUBLIC HEARING  
714 & 720 MAIN STREET  
MD MAIN ST. DEVELOPMENT**

The public hearing was opened at 8:02 p.m. with notice being read by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

Mr. Richard Merrikin, representing the applicant, presented the application and plans. He stated that the redevelopment area contains two existing lots; formerly occupied by two dwellings. Replacement dwellings have been constructed, he said, and final landscaping is to be done. The applicant is proposing landscaping to the 50-foot buffer. The Commission requires some sort of demarcation of the 50-foot buffer zone. Options were discussed. Mr. Merrikin suggested rocks could be used and bushes could be planted.

On a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Ms. Gavin, it was voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 8:15 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Ms. Gavin, it was voted unanimously to approve a Negative 3 Determination of Applicability with the following Special Conditions:

- (1) Stones/rocks to be placed to demarcate the 50-foot buffer as discussed
- (2) A minimum of one 4-foot high winterberry bush planted every 10 feet as discussed

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**Girl Scout Troup 74920  
Katy Golden & Tessa May  
Proposed Gold Award Project  
Pleasant St. Property (former Verderber Farm)**

Girl Scouts Katy Golden and Tessa May presented their project board. They have divided the project into two separate pieces so they can each qualify for the Gold Award.

The project as proposed includes: cleaning outside and inside the existing shelter; construction of a fire pit; clean-up of surrounding grounds at the Pleasant Street property. This project is to create a local, safe camping area for scouts, Ms. May said.

Safety issues were discussed. Two adults will be present at all times while the girl scouts are working, Ms. Golden said.

The Commission was very pleased with the presentation and approved of the project.

**Tangerini's Spring Street Farm  
Informal Discussion  
Laura Tangerini**

The Commission and Ms. Tangerini reviewed the draft "Use Agreement." Dr. Lederer stated that Mr. Aspinwall had questioned whether it was a "Use" or "License Agreement." He forwarded the draft to Town Counsel for review. The Commission is waiting for comments. Ms. Tangerini added her suggestions to the agreement. When the Commission received comments from Town Counsel, Ms. Tangerini will be contacted.

**DEP FILE #CE225-0379 - NOTICE OF INTENT, PUBLIC HEARING  
1465 MAIN STREET- MILLIS USED AUTO PARTS  
ROBERT VALCHUIS**

The public hearing was opened at 8:54 p.m. with notice being read by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

Mr. Joseph Peznola, representing the applicant, presented the application and plans. He explained that this is a filing "after-the-fact" as the work had begun, but they were issued a Cease & Desist by the Zoning Enforcement Officer as no permits were applied for, or issued. According to Mr. Peznola, the applicant "engaged the contractor prior to getting approvals." The applicant was not aware he needed permits, Mr. Peznola said. Mr. Valchuis explained the process, stating that he sold the business to Schnitzer Steel and they initiated the Stormwater improvements.

Mr. Peznola described the site and stated that the project is for modifications to the existing site including on-site grading to allow for the collection of stormwater runoff and the construction of a stormwater management system. No new buildings are proposed and no new utility services are proposed, he said. What is proposed, Mr. Peznola said, will be a vast improvement

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as to what is on site. Flood plain/levels were discussed. Mr. Chisholm requested revisions to the plan.

A site visit was scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. Lee, it was voted unanimously to continue the public hearing at 9:30 p.m. to Monday, October 7, 2013, 7:40 p.m.

**DEP FILE #CE225-0378 - NOTICE OF INTENT, PUBLIC HEARING**  
**1372 MAIN STREET**  
**ROBERT VALCHUIS**

The public hearing was opened at 9:30 p.m. with notice being read by Dr. Lederer, Chair.

Mr. Peznola, representing the applicant, presented the application and plans. He stated that this filing is in conjunction with the previous one as Mr. Valchuis owned both properties. Soil material removed from the 1465 Main Street site has been stockpiled at the back of the site at 1370-1372 Main Street, within the buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland associated with an intermittent stream to the west of the property. This is also an “after-the-fact” filing, Mr. Peznola said. Work proposed involves the processing and relocation of the stockpile to an area outside the buffer zone.

A site visit was scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 9:10 a.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, it was voted unanimously to continue the public hearing at 9:43 p.m. to Monday, October 7, 2013, 7:50 p.m.

**DEP File #CE225-0373 - Discussion**  
**134 Ridge Street**  
**Mark Coviello**

Mr. Coviello presented photographs of the driveway crossing. Mr. Coviello stated that he is getting close to requesting a Certificate of Compliance for the project. Part of his Order of Conditions required wetland replication, he said. This is the only portion of his Order of Conditions which remains outstanding. He would like to request a waiver from the replication condition. He would have to disturb an area to create the replication when it has already grown in nicely, he said, and he would rather not have to excavate an established field area. Mr. Coviello proposed demarcating the area and “letting it go.”

Since the replication area is shown on the approved plan, the Commission requests that Mr. Coviello put the waiver request, in writing, when he submits his Request for Certificate of Compliance so the change is on record. Mr. Coviello said he would do that when he is ready to file the Request. The Commission does not have an objection to waiving the replication requirement.

