Millbury Conservation Commission

Date: July 11, 2018 Time: 7:00 PM

Present: Donald Flynn, Ronald Stead, Anthony Cameron

Absent: Paul DiCicco

Chairman Flynn opened the meeting at 7:00 PM [times of public hearings are advertised times]

7:05 P.M.

Syncarpha Solar, LLC

Notice of Intent

West Main Street M 77 Parcel 11 – Construct a 4.98 megawatt ground mount solar array Stephen Herzog from Amec Foster Wheeler was present for the applicant. Don said the main reason for return is because there was not a DEP file number. Stephen said yes. Don said comments have been received from DEP and read over them. Stephen said a revision has been submitted. He said a riverfront area is on the parcel but only tree cutting will happen within it. The new plans show the existing tree line. Stephen said the plan submitted is the least impactful. Don asked how many vernal pools they found. Stephen said they found 2 but 1 of them does not hold water year round. He said they will be preserving it. Don asked if fencing will be going up between the vernal pools. Stephen said fencing will be around the array to the south of the pool, stating that some communities have them raise the fencing to allow animals to pass under. Stephen said the stormwater models have been revised. He also said wood from some trees will be chipped and re-used as erosion protection. Don asked what the seed mix will be. Stephen said it will be different kinds and referred to page 17 of the plans. Ron asked how the infiltration trenches are built. Stephen said with crushed stone. Ron asked what size. Stephen said 2-5 inch washed stone. Stephen said that the witch hazel has been removed from the replication area. Don asked when the wetland crossing will happen. Stephen said the tree clearing and access roads will be done first. Don asked when it will start. Stephen said September 1, 2018. Ron asked how long it will take. Stephen said a few months, hoping to be done by the end of the year. Ron asked if the area the old walls that are there will be moved. Stephen said some will have to be. Ron asked if any of them will be repaired that are disturbed. Don said he thought that the Planning Board may require it. Stephen said that the original plan was to replicate two areas and the Planning Board suggested combining them. The replication ratio will increase to reduce the tree cutting. Tony asked if the vernal pool is certified. Stephen said no. Tony asked if the applicant would be willing to certify it. Stephen said he will check. Tony made a motion to close the hearing; Ron seconded; voted unanimously.

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William Faller

Determination of Applicability

39 Manor Road – Cut down trees along the shoreline of Dorothy Pond Walter Magnusson, Sr. from W.M. Tree & Stump Company was present for the applicant. Walter said that William called him about removing some trees. Walter said that seven trees will be removed. Four of them are catalpa trees that are nuisance trees. Walter said William wants the trees removed because they are damaging his patio and that the stumps will not be removed. Walter said nothing will be dropped in the water and that all the trees will be taken down by hand. Don said the shade reduction should be kept

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at a minimum. Walter said the trees are not right at the water's edge. Don asked if any of the trees provide shade for the water. Walter said no. Walter explained the process of how the trees will come down. Tony asked if one of the trees was holding up a fence. Walter said he thinks it is nailed to a tree. Don said he didn't see a problem with the work going forward. Tony asked if the applicant was going to kill the stumps. Walter said he didn't think so. Ron made a motion for a negative determination; Tony seconded; voted unanimously.

The members signed a voucher to pay the Commission's dues to the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions

The members signed Certificates of Compliance for the following projects:

- 1 Bayberry Lane DEP #224-622
- 1 Bayberry Lane DEP #224-550
- 9 Moore Drive DEP #224-752
- 442 Greenwood Street DEP #224-748

Railroad Avenue at Riverlin Street DEP #224-548

The members signed an Extension Permit for 192-194 Millbury Avenue DEP #224-513

Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05; seconded by Tony; voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M Swanson
Secretary

Anthony Cameron

Paul DiCicco

Ronald Stead

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