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Millbury Conservation Commission

Date: July 24, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM

Present: Donald Flynn, Ronald Stead, Anthony Cameron, Paul DiCicco, Sarah Hoecker

Absent:

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

The members signed the minutes from May 19, 2019.

Chairman Flynn read mail received from the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions regarding the MACC Buffer Zone Guidebook. Chairman Flynn read mail received from National Grid regarding routine grounding rod maintenance.

7:05 P.M.

Cheryl Vassar

Notice of Intent – Continued

1 J.C. Lane – Construction of a new home with utilities

Norman Hill from Land Planning was present for the applicant. Chairman Flynn recused himself due to the applicant being a neighbor. Norman explained this project previously came before the board as a duplex but will now be a single family home. Paul made a motion to close the hearing; Sarah seconded; voted unanimously.

7:10 P.M.

Keith Caruso – Town of Millbury

Notice of Intent

West Main Street, Round Pond – Wall repairs

No representatives were present.

The members re-issued a Certificate of Compliance for DEP file #224-431

The members signed a partial Certificate of Compliance for DEP file #224-752

7:15 P.M.

Robert Ortiz

Determination of Applicability

253 Millbury Avenue – Placement of a storage container

Robert Ortiz was present. Robert explained that he would like to place a storage container on his property due to limited driveway space. Robert said there are clippings from neighbors yards that he would like to clear. Paul asked if he will be applying for a permit. Robert said he will be applying for a building permit. Sarah asked if the location is on Durham Street. Robert said yes. Don said that crossing the stream might be an issue. Don asked what kind of prep will be done. Robert said that bales will be placed and 3 trees will be cut down. Don asked if any crushed stone or gravel will be laid down. Robert said he would like to bring in some backfill and some stone. Don explained that plowing can cause soils to enter the stream. Robert explained that he would like to access the container from the back of his house. He said there are some boulders that he can use as a barrier. Ron asked if there is often water in the stream. Robert said not really and showed the members some pictures. Paul asked if there was a fence on the property.

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Robert said there is not. Don asked if Robert would be ok with putting the boulders along the stream. Robert said yes, he has 4 or 5 of them. Ron made a motion for a negative determination with stipulations; Paul seconded; voted unanimously.

7:20 P.M.

Joan Fitzhenry
Determination of Applicability
11 Singletary Road – Removal of trees
The applicant was not present.

7:25 P.M.

Dan Hester – WS Development
Informal
Repair of a drainage outfall
Dan Hester from WS Development was present. Dan explained that Laurie Connors informed him that a drain manhole had failed. He said there is a contractor lined up to do the work. The manhole is on an adjacent property that WS Development has an easement to. The manhole will be repaired along with the slope. Don wanted some clarification of where the work will be. Dan explained where it is. Don asked what is going to be done to prevent this in the future. Dan said better communication with DOT to confirm who is responsible for future maintenance. Ron asked how long the work will take. Marco said 2 weeks tops. Don asked how the slope is going to be fixed. Dan said with backfill soil and seed it. Don suggested some kind of stabilization fabric be used. Dan asked if the commission wanted them to wait to start until the fall. Don and Tony said the dry season is now and it would be best to do it now. Don asked the commission for their opinion if a filing is necessary or if it is maintenance. Tony, Ron and Sarah agreed that it should be considered maintenance. Dan said they would inform the commission when work will begin.

7:30 P.M.

Adam Farkes – CS Energy
Informal
278 West Main Street solar farm
Adam Farkes from CS Energy was present. Adam explained that a new plan had come out and gave the members copies. He explained that a change has been made to the access road. The original plan called for 4 culverts, 2 24 inch and 2 18 inch pipes. They would like to replace them with 6 12 inch pipes. Don asked about a flow calculation. Adam gave the members some paperwork that states the 12 inch pipes have the same capacity as the original pipes. The reason for the change is that the point where the pipes were supposed to go has dropped 2 feet. The pipes will help with stability for safety reasons and to prevent digging into the beaver dam. Don asked if HVPE pipes will be used. Adam said yes. The flared ends will be surrounded with 6-8 inch riprap to prevent blockage. Don asked about the inlets to the pipe. Adam said that each end of the pipes will be flared. Paul asked how much material will have to be put on top so the trucks do not crush the pipes. Adam said about 3 feet of stone. Don asked the members if they thought an amendment to the Order of Conditions was necessary. Tony said he didn't think so. Don asked for a vote. The members all voted that a filing would not be necessary. Don asked that a full scale set of engineer stamped plans be brought to the office.

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Paul made a motion to continue the hearing for Round Pond to August 21, 2019 at 7:05; Sarah seconded; voted unanimously.

Paul made a motion to continue the hearing for 11 Singletary Road to the next available meeting; Ron seconded; voted unanimously.

The members signed a voucher to pay dues to MACC.

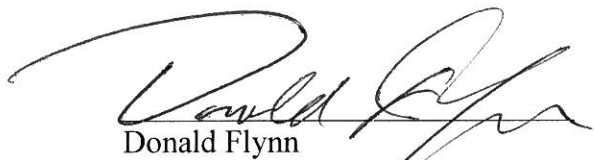
Paul made a motion to keep the current commission officers as is; Sarah seconded; voted unanimously.

Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm; seconded by Ron; voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann M Swanson
Secretary



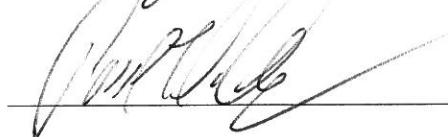
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