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Millbury Conservation Commission

Date: October 16, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM

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

Absent:

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

The members signed minutes from the September 18, 2019 meeting.

Chairman Flynn read mail received from Nation Grid regarding maintenance work along the P142/O141 transmission lines.

Chairman Flynn read mail received from National Grid regarding utility maintenance work along the C129N/C130 transmission lines.

Chairman Flynn read mail received from National Grid regarding utility maintenance work along the 314 line.

Chairman Flynn read an email received from Nuka Research and Planning Group, LLC regarding a work group for the Blackstone River GRP.

7:05 P.M.

Syed Khan

Notice of Intent

83 South Oxford Road – Installation of new septic system

Jason Dubois from DC Engineering was present for the applicant. Jason said the house has a failed title 5 system. There is quite a bit of ledge. It will be a gravity system. Some clearing will need to be done. The closest point is about 27 feet away from the wetland. Don asked about fill. Jason said title 5 sand and a little bit of fill will be brought in. Jason said they would put in silt fencing if the commission wants. Don asked if it has been approved by Board of Health. Jason said he thought it was. Don asked how many test pits were done. Jason said 3. Ron asked if the septic is state of the art. Jason said it is a Presby system, not too new. Ron said he would like 3 wetland signs placed. Tony suggested a silt fence in front of the straw waddles at the lower side. Paul suggested the wetland signs be spaced out from property line to property line. Paul made a motion to close the hearing; Sarah seconded; voted unanimously.

7:10 P.M.

Patrick Perkins

Notice of Intent

2 Birch Street – Construction of a garage and tree removal

Kristen LaBrie from Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc. was present for the applicant. Chairman Flynn read comments from DEP. Kristen said that a revised plan was sent in 10/15/19. The proposed work is tree clearing and the stone wall will be rebuilt. There is an existing house on the property. Don asked if they have come before the commission. The clerk informed the members that the owners had been in previously for an informal. Kristen said there is an existing garage door being removed along with some pavement. Tony asked what the wall is made of. Kristen said stone. Patrick Perkins from JEP Contracting introduced himself. Don asked if he is doing the work. Patrick said he will be hiring someone to do it. Don told Kristen that DEP needs to be notified of the changes and a copy

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of the correspondence should be given to the commission. Kristen said the work to the wall will be done after the drawdown of Dorothy Pond. She pointed out the trees that will be removed. Don asked if one was being cut down or completely removed. Patrick said it needs to come out due to the damage it is doing. Kristen said it will be done along with the wall work. Patrick said the trees have not been removed yet. Kristen said the work is all structurally required. Patrick said the same footprint will be followed. Don asked if there are 2 erosion controls. Kristen said yes, one will be in the pond area after the drawdown. Don asked if the wall is being rebuilt with the same materials. Patrick said no, cinder blocks will be used. Don asked how big the blocks are. Patrick said 2 feet with a crushed stone base. Don said he would like more information. He asked if machines will be used. Patrick said they have to. Tony asked where the walkway is being moved. Kristen said it will be centered. Patrick said it is moving about 3 feet. He showed the members a proposed house plan. Don asked about the construction of the deck. Patrick said they will be using Techno Metal Posts. Don asked what is being approved. Kristen said the rebuilding of the wall and the removal of trees. Sarah said she would like more information also. Don asked what the time frame is. Patrick said as soon as it is approved and the pond is down enough. Don asked if the foundation will have a frost wall. Patrick said yes. Sarah asked if the stones will be reused. Patrick said no. Ron suggested that the hearing be continued to the next hearing so more information can be gathered. Don asked how wide the front of the house is. Patrick said 25 feet. Tony asked if gutters are being put on and where they will be draining to. Patrick said they haven't gotten that far yet. Ron made a motion to continue the hearing to November 6, 2019 at 7:05pm; seconded by Tony; voted unanimously.

7:15 P.M.

Town of Millbury

Determination of Applicability

South Main Street – Demolish and replace existing sidewalks and driveway aprons

Laurie Connors, Director of Planning and Development, was present. Laurie said the plans have been completed for the Downtown Revitalization Project. She pointed out where the 200 foot riverfront buffer is. The new sidewalks will be ADA compliant and the grading has to be modified for this reason. Silt sacks will be placed in the catch basins. 5 rain gardens will be constructed to cleanse the water before going in the Blackstone River. Ron asked when the project will start. Laurie said the bids are being evaluated and probably next spring. Paul asked how many parking spots are being taken away. Laurie said it is parking neutral. One will go into the municipal lot and some illegal spots will be eliminated. Paul asked if diagonal parking will be done. Laurie said there is no plan for diagonal parking. Paul asked how much of the project is covered by grant money. Laurie said 5 grants have been received for over 1 million dollars. Don explained that the concrete trucks should not be cleaned in sensitive areas. Laurie said she will have that added to the contract. Ron made a motion for a negative determination; tony seconded; voted unanimously.

The members signed paperwork to accept Open Space Parcel 1 Autumn Gate Estates.

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Karen Mullen

Informal

1 Bayberry Lane – Addition

Karen Mullen was present. Karen explained that she would like to put an addition on her house. Sarah asked if it was in the buffer zone. Karen said yes. Don said she should know how close to the pond it will be, the slope of the land. Karen said compared to other properties on the lake they don't have a great slope. Tony explained that the town does not have any bylaws that will prevent them from going closer to the pond. Paul asked how far from the pond they are now. Karen said about 50 feet. Don asked if there will be a foundation. Brian Mullen said the bottom would be open. Brian showed the members their plot plan. Don explained the things the commission would look for in their filing.

The members signed a Certificate of Compliance for DEP file #224-683

Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39pm; seconded by Sarah; voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M Swanson
Clerk



Donald Flynn



Ronald Stead



Sarah Hoecker



Anthony Cameron



Paul DiCicco