Millbury Conservation Commission

Date: February 5, 2020 Time: 7:00 PM

Present: Donald Flynn, Ronald Stead, Paul DiCicco

Absent: Anthony Cameron, Sarah Hoecker

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

Chairman Flynn read mail received from Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition regarding their Land Conservation Conference.

The members signed minutes from the January 15, 2020 meeting.

The Chairman told the members about a call he received from the DPW Director regarding pole replacements at the transfer station.

7:05 P.M.

David & Angela Meciak
Determination of Applicability
68 MacArthur Drive – Removal of trees

David and Angela Maciak were present. David explained that they would like to cut down 2 trees along the water. Don asked how close the trees are. David said right at the water line. He showed the members some pictures. David said he has a disabled daughter and it is not safe to carry her into the water. Don asked if the stumps will be removed. David said they can be low cut and covered with dirt. Don said the movement of dirt is the main concern. David said no machines will be able to get there and that is why the tree company said to low cut them. Ron asked how the trees will be taken off the property. David said they will be brought up the yard by hand. Don suggested if the stumps are ground to make sure no soil gets in the pond. Ron made a motion for a negative determination; Paul seconded; voted unanimously.

7:10 P.M.

Richard Bedard Notice of Intent

12 Martin Street – Athletic field renovation

Richard Bedard, Business Manager for the High School introduced John Perry from Gale Associates. John showed the members an existing conditions plan and pointed out the wetlands. They were delineated in November. He said the track and baseball field will be removed and the softball field will be shifted. The fields will be artificial turf with crushed stone underneath. No disturbance of any vegetation is expected. Paul asked where the baseball field will be. John said it is moving to the Shaw School. Some of the parking lot on Orchard St will be taken to provide emergency access. Wetland impacts will be minor. Ron asked if there was a new parking area. John said yes. Ron asked if there will be lighting for the softball field. John said it will be prepared for lighting in the future. Don asked where the drainage will go. John said a majority will infiltrate and an existing culvert will remain in place. Paul asked if the field will act as a rain garden. John said it will be pitched and run through the turf. Don asked about storm management. John said it will be less than now. He said a storm water permit has been applied for and the Planning Board is looking at it. Paul asked where the

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snow storage is. John pointed it out on the plans. Don said he wanted to make sure that drainage is not going to impact abutting properties. John showed the members on the plans that it will not impact the swale. Don asked if there will be lights in the parking lot. John said there will be low level lights. Richard Bedard explained that the new fields at the high school and Shaw will be similar. Don asked about the analysis. John pointed out where it is in the storm water report. Ron asked what page the flags are shown on. John showed him. Ron said he would like to see wetland location signs at flags 1, 5 and 10. Don asked if there will be a maintenance buffer. John said that hadn't been addressed. Paul asked what the life expectancy of the field is. Patrick Mara said 10-12 years. Ron asked what the track is made of. John said asphalt and a rubberized surface. Ron asked how long it is good for. John said 25 years as long it is taken care of. Don said he would like to see the surveys that were done on the plants and soils to support the wetland delineation. Ron asked if there will be dugouts for the softball field. Patrick said the current ones will be used. Ron made a motion to continue the hearing to March 4, 2020 at 7:05pm; Paul seconded; voted unanimously.

Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm; seconded by Ron; voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk

Donald Flynn

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