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## Millbury Conservation Commission

Date: September 6, 2023,

Time: 6:30pm

Present: Ron Stead, Jeffrey Raymond, Christopher Weagle, Paul DiCicco  
Conservation Agent: Don Flynn

Call to order at 6:37pm, meeting delayed due to zoom issues.

Karyn Clark Deputy Town Manager had to reschedule her update due to her being under the weather.

Jacob Decatur was unable to attend the meeting due to prior commitment, Bruce Devault spoke to the committee on behalf of the Trails Committee and gave an update. Mr. Devault stated that Stowe Meadow Trail is complete. Mr Devault also stated during the meeting of the discussion of Brierly Pond that the trails committee will work with Brierly Pond to clean up the recreation area that the tenants use for hiking, snowshoeing, and walking. Mr. Jim Walsh from 77 Horne Way spoke on behalf the owner's association of Brierly Pond condo association area and said that he appreciates the work that Mr. Devault's trail's volunteers have done for the conservation areas in Millbury and that the folks of Brierly Pond are there to support their efforts.

Agent Flynn spoke about the COC for National Grid Line O141/P142 DEP#224-0833 saying that he did a site inspection of the area, and it was difficult to tell that National Grid was even there and he recommended that the board give them their COC. Chairman Stead asked for a motion to issue the COC, Jeffrey Raymond made the motion and Paul DiCicco seconded the motion. All in favor, unanimous.

NOI Alstead Path & Sutton St. Continuance, James Venincasa from Saint James Homes, LLC with the revised plans that brought in tonight Agent Flynn had stated Town Engineer issue with the storm water infiltration system being placed under a paper road also the town engineer. As to the new plan submitted to the town counsel, in conjunction with the Planning Department have issued or will be issuing a letter to Saint James Home, LLC saying that they will have to file a plan under the subdivision regulations. The agent stated that the plans may change so please keep that in mind when going through your discussion of it. Agent Flynn doesn't have any criticism of the plans. Toe Drain across part of the proposed road and Mark Hollis, the town engineer, is not a fan of toe drain. For protection of the wetlands, you can issue the NOI and the plans may change and the proponent may have to come back to the commission. Chairman Stead stated that the commission doesn't normally hold up plans. Chairman Stead asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak, Antoinette Donovan from 14 Alstead Path had

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questions. She asked about the intermittent stream, and what does that mean for abutters on Alstead Path. There is a stream on Alstead that has run almost 60 years and its not running now, she stated that over the summer five cars came and parked in front of her house and looked like engineers, she wasn't sure if they had done something to the stream for it to not be flowing anymore. Agent Flynn stated that he walked the property from Alstead all the way to the Mass Pike and did not see that something was done to stop the stream from running. Jeffrey Raymond made a motion to close the meeting, Paul Diccico seconded all in favor, unanimous. Christopher Weagle made a motion to approve the project, Jeffrey Raymond seconded all in favor, unanimous.

C.O.C. 30 Shore Terrace. Action postponed pending owner attendance.

C.O.C. 1 Ilysa Lane. The action postponed pending owners' attendance and second inspection.

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### Events of Importance.

- 1} 82-86 McCracken Rd aka. Greenleaf Terrace. Fine after Cease and desist by Building & Planning. Fine Being appealed in Worcester Country Housing Court. Meeting with Conservation Agent scheduled Sept. 7, 2023, at 11:00AM. Members are welcome to attend. DEP review is still pending.
- 2} Park Hill Village & 8 Primrose lane-swimming pool built on Conservation land. Land was not. accepted by the state for state protected Conservation Restriction. Town Council is involved in providing a remedy, so property has clear title. Conservation may be asked to approve the solution.
- 3} 55 Sycamore Battery Storage: Appeal visit conducted by DEP with C. McCormack representing the Town/Conservation. Abutters are looking to pursue MEPA review but does not look probable.
- 4) With C. Marden, helped revise Conservation Report for Annual Report to Town of Millbury.

### Site Visits:

- 1) Riverlin Street ANRAD. Boards remain in the dam at Colton Road. Agent updated DPW of this in case of emergency draw-down is needed.
- 2) 31 Tainter Hill Road, SFH development. Erosion Controls not adequate, encroachment into area not on approved plan used for storing/dumping large boulders and brush. Developer working with wetlands consultant to

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correct erosion controls and restore wetland flags in encroachment area.

- 3) 71-73 McCracken Road request for COC. Visited 9-5-23.  
Drainage/roadside catch basin flaw corrected. Recommend issuance of C.O.C., Chairman Stead asked if there was a motion to approve the C.O.C Jeffrey Raymond made the motion to approve the COC and Paul DiCicco seconded the motion, all in favor, unanimous.
- 4) National Grid-off Grafton Street MADEP 224-0833-Geotechnical Borings for C.O.C.
- 5) Brierly Pond Conservation area follow-up to tree cutting.

#### Plan reviews:

- 1) Alstead Path Revision 8-18-23. Discrepancies & Comments forwarded to Engineer. Revised plans anticipated.
- 2)

#### Other Matters:

- 1) MACC Fall Conference in October. Courses available to Commissioners and staff.
- 2) Complaint about parking at Stowe Road entrance to Stowe Conservation Area from abutter, Ira King, 17 Stowe Road. Insufficient room to park off street at trail entrance. Also concerned about parking out front of his house, safety issues from vehicle traffic.

Respectfully, Don

Flynn, Agent

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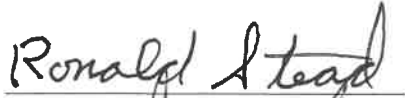
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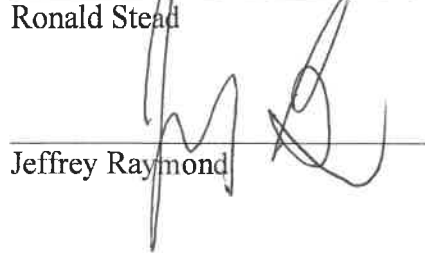
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Secretary




Ronald Stead



Christopher Weagle



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