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## Millbury Conservation Commission

Date: October 4, 2023 Time: 6:30pm

Present: Ron Stead, Jeffrey Raymond, Matthew Ashmankas, Conservation Agent: Don Flynn  
Absent: Christopher Weagle, Paul DiCicco.

Call to order at 6:30pm

Bruce DeVault Chairman of the Trails Committee gave an up on the Trails. He gave an update on the Brierly Pond Conservation Area and Clearview Conservation Area.

### **NOI for 37 Benton St, DEP# 224-0855 Continuance:**

Chairman Stead opened the hearing and stated that the continuance was required because MADEP had not issued the required File Number. No one spoke on behalf of the project Discussion, Proponents agreed to put mulch on the embankment and two wetland signs. The Chairman asked for discussion. The Chairman requested a motion to Close the hearing. Jeffrey Raymond made a motion to close the meeting, Mathew Ashmankas seconded the motion, Voted Unanimously. Jeffrey Raymond made a motion to approve the project Mathew Ashmankas seconded., Voted unanimously. An Order of Conditions will be issued.

### **66 Parkhill Ave-Clearview Open Space Community OOC Extension Request:**

Stephen O'Connell from Eastland Partners, LLC gave an update on the project. Agent Flynn made a reminder to Mr. O'Connell that Wetland Flags need to be maintained, an asked for the list of any hazardous materials on site, and that the permanent signs be installed as part of the OOC. Agent Flynn asked about his request for stormwater system inspection reports as required the project's SWPP. Mr. O'Connell stated the size of the reports logs made it unfeasible to carry it to the meeting. Agent Flynn stated that he and Matthew Ashmankas had performed a site walk in preparation for this meeting. Agent Flynn during the site walk he & Mr. Ashmankas had noticed that stormwater basins appeared to need evaluation for maintenance as they may be filling with sediment and so exceed their capacity to function properly. Mr. O'Connell stated that much of the sediment was entering the stormwater system from the upper portions of the project and that he is working to have those areas stabilized to reduce the sediment in the stormwater. Agent Flynn stated that existing concrete stormwater structures did not have covers and posed a safety hazard. Mr. O'Connell responded that he thought the covers were now available and would direct his contractor to install them. Also discussed was an apparent incursion of groundwater into the piping leading to Stormwater Basin system #2 and HDPE drainpipes (4-inch) from new housing units above Stormwater Basin #2. Mr. O'Connell stated that the HDPE pipes were from foundation drains from the new houses. Agent Flynn also spoke of the need to remove two stands of invasive Phragmites reeds near Stormwater Basins #1 and #3. Agent Flynn requested the Commission to allow him to add to the current OOC's new OOCs to include an As-Built of the Storm Water System and removal of the invasive reed grass. Mr. O'Connell responded that an As-Built would be required by the Planning Board and so he would comply. The Chairman invited discussion and questions. Jeff Raymond made the Motion to Grant Extension with Don Flynn's recommendations, Mathew Ashmankas seconded, all in favor, unanimous.

### **NOI 135, 137 & 139 Worcester Providence Turnpike John Direnzo Continuance:**

Glen Krovosky of EBT Environmental Consultants, spoke on behalf of the project proponent, and Zachary Gless, of Existing Grade Engineering, gave an update on the revisions to the Stormwater Management Plan. Mr. Krevosky provided a brief review of the project and stated that he and Existing Grade responded to Agent Flynn's review of the previously submitted plan by generating a revised plan and revised Stormwater Management document with changes to the Stormwater Management Plan. Mr. Gless spoke providing details of the changes made to the revised Stormwater Management Plan. The Chairman asked for questions from the

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Commission or other meeting attendants. The Chairman stated that the project has not received the MADEP File Number required and requested a motion to continue the hearing. Mathew Ashmankas made the motion to continue to the October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting. Jeffrey Raymond seconded the motion,—Voted in favor unanimously.

**Note to Agent's Reporting:** The Chairman recused himself from any discussion of the 2 Beach Street project and directed that the Commission Clerk, Jeff Raymond takes the chairman's position for any discussion.

### Agent's report Millbury Conservation Commission October 4, 2023, meeting

#### Events of Importance:

- 1) McCracken Road OUA team assembly
- 2) 2 Beach Street-State Ethics Office. See NOTE (above).
- 3) McCracken Road-TEAMS Meeting with MADEP & MADOR representatives to work out intervention and enforcement coordination and authority.
- 4) Phragmites Treatment-Ramshorn Pond Friday 10-6-23 Weather Dependent. Received MADEP license dated 9-21-23 for 0.75-gal total foliar application.

#### Site Visits:

- 1) Clear View Open Space Project-66 Park Hill Ave. with Matt Ashmankas.
- 2) 58 Davis Road, drive by, grass growing no work to meet original plan observed.
- 3) 82-84 McCracken Drive-by during Storm Event. Still Stormwater impacts leaving property. Planning Dept. fine appealed to Housing Court but property owner failed to show for hearing.
- 4) McCracken Road Widening project with MADOT, MADEP, RCC consultants, Gregory Lynch.

#### Plan reviews:

- 1) Clearview Estates, 66 Park Hill Drive for site visit/extension request.
- 2) Review of draft Plan for new NOI for 2 Beach Street. Expect new NOI November
- 3) Alstead Path Subdivision Plan for response to Planning Dept. Write Memo (mail)
- 4) 135-127, 139 Worc.-Prov. Trnpg. New NOI Oct. 4, 2023
- 5) Review 24 Burbank Street Multifamily Permit.

#### Other Matters:

- 1) Wetland & Stormwater Sign- Received another quote. \$246 complete assembly from Serrato Sign.
- 2) MACC Fall Conference October 28, Devens, MA.

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Respectfully,  
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Jeffrey Raymond made the motion to close the meeting, Paul DiCicco seconded, all in favor, meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted,


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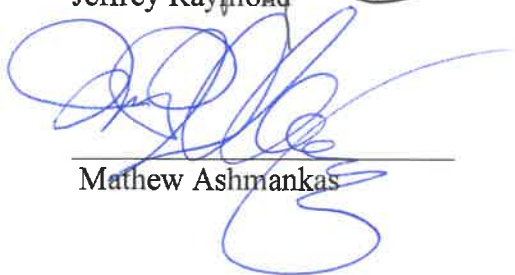
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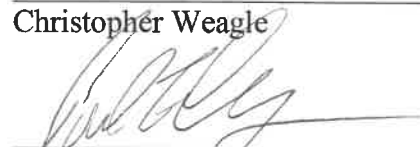
Respectfully submitted,


  
Christine Marden  
Secretary

  
Ronald Stead

  
Jeffrey Raymond

  
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