



TOWN OF MILFORD

Conservation Commission

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2023

Chair Zacchilli called to order the meeting of the Milford Conservation Commission at 7:05 P.M.

Members in attendance: Chair Zacchilli, Derek Atherton, Paul Braza, and Domingos Roda.

Members absent: John Erickson and Michael Rolo. (vacant position remains unfilled)

Also in attendance: Elizabeth Mainini (Town Engineer)

Motion by Braza, second by Atherton to approve August 3, 2023, minutes. Motion carries. Four in favor.

Town Engineer reports there are no invoices this month.

Election of Vice-Chair is postponed until a larger quorum is in attendance.

General Business

7:06 P.M.- Continuation - Southworth Milton - Certificate of Compliance DEP# 223-919

John Federico of G&H submitted a request for continuation to the September 28th Meeting

Motion by Braza second by Roda to continue the hearing to Sept 28th.

Motion carries. Four in favor.

7:07 P.M.- Continuation - #200 Deer St - Partial Certificate of Compliance DEP# 223-987

Town Engineer walked site with Applicant Representative. Well stabilized except for area at sewer pump station. Requested a continuation to the Sept 28th meeting. Applicant will stabilize area at pump station, remove erosion control in stabilized areas, cut vegetation at Basin 3 and submit a supplemental as-built plan for the pump station area. The Town Engineer will finish review of both as-built plans.

Motion by Braza, second by Atherton to continue the hearing to Sept 28th.

Motion carries. Four in favor.

7:08 P.M.- #391 Central St - Certificate of Compliance DEP# 223-889

Peter Lavoie of D&L Design Group submitted a request for COC to clear property title of the expired order.

Town Engineer recommends issuance because any unfinished work is included in a new NOI for the property currently under the Commission's review.

Motion by Braza, second by Roda to issue the Certificate of Compliance for DEP#223-889.

Motion carries. Four in favor.

7:10 P.M.- Continuation – 154-160 East Main St - Certificate of Compliance DEP# 223-1182

Representative in attendance: John Nenart

Nenart presents the site has been complete for many months. The chain-link fence that separated the site from the wetlands was replaced with a 6' high vinyl fence. Erosion controls have been removed. Town Engineer agrees the project was completed in substantial compliance and recommends issuance of the COC.

Motion by Braza, second by Roda to issue the Certificate of Compliance for DEP#223-1882.

Motion carries. Four in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7:19 P.M.- Continuation Public Hearing DEP# 223-1230 - Notice of Intent #34 Howard St. Lot-2

Representative in attendance: Peter Lavoie of D&L Design Group

D&L submitted revised plans and letter to address comments from the previous meeting. Replication Area was increased to meet requested 1.5 times the altered area and 18 proposed wetland pin locations are shown. Sewer connection remains unchanged after consultation with sewer dept.

Town Engineer recommends issuance of the OOC with special conditions 20-28 and in reference to the plans revised through 8/10/23.

Motion by Roda, second by Atherton to close the public hearing and issue the Order of Conditions for DEP#223-1230 with special conditions 20-28 and in reference to plans revised through 8/10/23.

Motion carries. Three in favor, one abstention (Braza).

7:33 P.M.- Continuation Public Hearing DEP# 223-1231 - Notice of Intent #391 Central St.

Representative in attendance: Peter Lavoie of D&L Design Group

D&L submitted revised plans and letter to address comments from the previous meeting. Replication Area was increased to meet requested 1.5 times the altered area and removal of the drain pipe and chicken coops are shown. Lavoie indicated Mason Assoc. completed an evaluation for a downstream project that concluded the portion of Beaver Brook at Central St is intermittent.

Town Engineer recommends continuance of public hearing for the applicant to provide evidence that Beaver Brook is intermittent at the subject location. Lavoie requests continuation to the next meeting

Motion by Braza, second by Roda to continue the hearing to Sept 28th.

Motion carries. Four in favor.

7:48 P.M.- 500 Fortune Blvd – PEI Engineering - Notice of Intent DEP# 223-XXXX

Representative submitted a request for continuation to the next meeting.

Motion by Braza, second by Roda to continue the hearing to Sept 28th.

Motion carries. Four in favor.

7:49 P.M.- Continuation Public Hearing - DEP# 223-1229 Lake Maspenock Dam Notice of Intent

Representative in attendance: Jon Nanni of Pare Engineering

Nanni provided outstanding signature for the owner of Lot 5.

Nanni reviewed the alternative access routes contemplated. Access from North Pond Terrace was restricted by telephone poles and a retaining wall. Access through an abutters driveway along North Pond Terrace was financially prohibitive. The selected route follows existing path and uses an area with minimal old growth for the staging area. One temporary wetland crossing proposed where existing path has disturbed the wetlands would be completed using mats. The area of the crossing would be seeded after removal of the mats. The

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staging area will be replanted in accordance with the plans. Gravel for the drive will remain in place and result in 9-inches of fill within the flood plain along the length of the driveway. Roda indicated he felt the gravel should be removed. Zacchilli felt it should remain for access to the dam. Nanni indicated the owner of Lot 5 preferred to have the gravel remain to improve emergency access. Roda found it acceptable for the gravel to remain with the detail showing the proposed filter fabric over the existing surface.

Motion by Braza, second by Roda to close the public hearing and issue the Order of Conditions with special conditions 20-27 (no wetland pins and 2 growing seasons for restoration areas) Motion carries. Four in favor.

8:06 P.M.- Continuation Public Hearing - DEP# 223-1227 Dilla St Subdivision - Notice of Intent

Representatives in attendance: Applicant Quentin Nowland and Mike Dryden of Allen Engineering
Allen Engineering submitted a letter dated 8/31/23 in response to the Town Engineers review letter dated 8/15/23. Applicant agrees to address comments except for water quality unit for the by-pass culvert. Dryden explains the expansion of the underground basin was explored to eliminate discharge during design storms as was requested by the Town Engineer due to the abutting surface water supply. Enlargement of the basin is problematic and there is no discharge during the 2 or 10 year design storms. Discharge during the 25 year storm is 1 cfs. Town Engineer agrees elimination of design storm flow from the basin will have less impact than the inclusion of a water quality unit to treat offsite stormwater pavement that is currently receiving minimal treatment. Nowland and Dryden agree to include the additional water quality unit in revised plans. Zacchilli indicates the basin can remain at its current proposed size if the water quality unit is proposed in place of the drop inlet on the bypass. Dryden requests continuance to next meeting.

Motion by Braza, second by Roda to continue the hearing to Sept 28th. Motion carries. Four in favor.

8:23 P.M.- Continuation - Cedar St Site Development - Notice of Intent DEP# 223-1228

Representatives in attendance: Applicant Quentin Nowland and Mike Dryden of Allen Engineering
Dryden presents the detention basins have been increased in size to eliminate discharge through the 100 year design storm. Town Engineer explains the Water Dept. is concerned about contamination from stormwater runoff to the surface water supply and that regular testing of the stormwater BMPs should be completed. Roda suggested the testing be done yearly and test for compounds listed in the letter from the Water Dept consultant. Town Engineer recommended the Commission also include a special condition requiring perpetual yearly reporting on the O&M of the stormwater system. Dryden will forward an example condition to the Town Engineer. Dryden requests continuance to next meeting.

Motion by Braza, second by Roda to continue the hearing to Sept 28th. Motion carries. Four in favor.

8:47 P.M.- Open Public Hearing DEP#223-XXXX – Godfrey Brook between West St and Water St

Representative in attendance: Robin Casioppo from GZA

Casioppo indicated the receipts for notification would be forwarded to the Commission tomorrow.
Project includes hydraulic improvements of unimproved sections between West St and Water St. The channel will be replaced with precast concrete channel and the existing crossing at the Verizon building will be replaced with a 6'x6' concrete box culvert. The path of the stream will remain substantially the same but there are 3 bends that will be straightened out slightly to improve hydraulic flow. The bottom of the precast stream bed will be naturalized with stone fashioned to the precast concrete. Roda asked about bypass pumping during the work. Casioppo showed the locations for the proposed coffer dams that will be used to isolate the work. Braza asked for a detail to be added to the plan indicating how the stone would be attached to the precast stream bed. Casioppo requested a continuance to add the detail to the plan and await DEP comments.

Motion by Braza, second by Atherton to continue the hearing to Sept 28th. Motion carries. Four in favor.

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8:55 P.M.-Continuation Public Hearing DEP# 223-1232 Notice of Intent 36 Field Pond Rd

Representatives in attendance: Dana Myhaver
Myhaver submitted proof of abutter notification and the Town Fee.
Myhaver submitted wetland delineation report from Robert G. Murphy which was reviewed by the Town Engineer. Town Engineer generally agreed with the delineation in the field, some doubt about the corner near the existing culvert discharge from the subdivision road. Myhaver is proposing to bring in a max 2 feet of fill to level off the lowest tier and loam/seed to create a lawn area with a swing set. He will also be planting fruit trees along the sewer easement to replace the trees that have been removed. All work will be completed in conformance with the submitted “36 Field Pond Rd Milford Ma Lot 28 Arboriculture Plan”
Motion by Braza, second by Roda to close the public hearing and issue the Order of Conditions.
Motion carries. Four in favor.

9:13 P.M.- Town Engineers Report

The Town Engineer gave report on violations:
Casey Drive – Town Engineer meet with contractor regarding erosion from site north of Casey Rd
Rosenfeld Field – Storage of materials from Plains Park walkway project were removed.

9:15 P.M. - Motion by Braza, second by Atherton to adjourn. Motion carries. Four in favor.

Minutes Recorded by:
Elizabeth Mainini

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