

**MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Room 206, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA  
December 4, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Dr. James Lederer, Chair.

The following members were present:

Dr. James Lederer, Chair

Carol Hayes, Vice Chair

Ed Chisholm, Christine Gavin, David Larsen, Scott McPhee, John Steadman

Others present:        Beth Fitzpatrick, RPS, South Kingstown, RI  
                             Jackson Barry, 6 Paddock Lane  
                             Jonathan Barry, 6 Paddock Lane  
                             Kendrick Shaw, 3 Dean St.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT PROPOSAL – JACKSON BARRY**

Mr. Jackson Barry, age 16, a Millis resident and a Life Scout in Troup 76 in Holliston, presented his document entitled, “Outline of Jackson Barry Eagle Project,” dated December 4, 2023. Mr. Barry would like to perform some trail clearing around the pond, provide public heath displays (kiosk) of information, and build walkways to supplement existing walkways at Richardson Pond.

The Commission discussed the proposed project and authorized the use of pressure treated lumber. The Commission will conduct a site visit/walk-through with Mr. Barry in the spring before any work is performed. Mr. Barry is hoping to receive project approval from the Boy Scout Mayflower Council by the end of February 2024. He will contact the Commission when he is ready for the site visit. Dr. Lederer signed Mr. Barry’s form on behalf of the Conservation Commission.

**DEP FILE #CE225-0410; 66 MAIN ST. AND 12 & 16 MEADOW CARTWAY; TRESCA CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE REQUEST**

Ms. Fitzpatrick, representing Tresca Bros. Sand and Gravel, presented the Request for Certificate of Compliance. She stated that in September of 2017, the Commission issued an Order of Conditions for proposed work associated with sewer and water service for 12 & 16 Meadow Cartway and 66 Main Street. According to Ms. Fitzpatrick, the Order of Conditions has lapsed and the work was never started. She stated that the applicant “found a way to work around municipal sewer” and there are no plans in place to do the work in the future.

On a motion made by Mr. Steadman, seconded by Mr. Larsen, it was voted unanimously to approve a Certificate of Compliance, citing “Invalid Order of Conditions” as the work never commenced.

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**3 DEAN STREET – GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR INSTALLATION  
INFORMAL DISCUSSION – CAROL HAYES**

Ms. Hayes presented information on a proposed ground mounted solar installation on a tracker system at her home. She stated that the home was not conducive to a roof-mounted system. Ms. Hayes stated that they are currently working to find a vendor.

After discussion, the Commission determined that a Request for Determination of Applicability application would need to be filed for the project.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**NORFOLK COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL LETTER  
TANGERINI'S SPRING STREET FARM**

The Commission discussed the letter from Norfolk County Mosquito Control, dated December 4, 2023, regarding "wetlands management activities" for property located within Tangerini's Farm. The Commission has no concerns/comments.

**140 CAUSEWAY STREET – WINDY KNOB FARM, LLC  
"FOREST CUTTING PLAN"**

The Commission reviewed the Forest Cutting Plan document prepared by John Clarke, Forester. The Commission also discussed the site visit they conducted with the property owner on Saturday, December 2, 2023.

A comment letter will be prepared and sent to Mr. Clarke, stating the following:

1. **Scenic Road Designation:** Causeway Street is designated as a Scenic Road in the Town of Millis. Therefore, the buffer zone is 100-feet rather than 50-feet.
2. **Forest Management Practices:** We commend the inclusion of sustainable forest management practices in the plan. However, we recommend a more detailed outline of how "temporary bridges" will be constructed. Where will staging areas for lumber be located? How wide will logging roads be and what type of equipment will be used for cutting?

Mr. Clarke will be asked to submit a revised plan and any additional documentation to the Commission.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Commission received an email inquiring as to how one would go about “trail clearing” in town. Anyone interested in trail clearing would have to meet with the Conservation Commission first.

**MINUTES**

On a motion made by Mr. Steadman, seconded by Ms. Hayes, the meeting minutes from December 4, 2023, were unanimously approved as written.

Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings: January 8, 2024  
February 12, 2024

There being no further business, on a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. Steadman and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Camille Standley  
Administrative Assistant*