

**MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Room 206, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA
February 12, 2024**

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

Members absent: Scott McPhee, John Steadman

Others present: Paul DeSimone, Colonial Engineering, 11 Awl St., Medway

Kevin Foley, 85 Dover Rd.

Ted Merchant, Toll Bros., Inc., 116 Flanders Rds., Westborough, MA

**DEP FILE#CE225-0443, NOTICE OF INTENT, PUBLIC HEARING
85 DOVER ROAD – KEVIN FOLEY**

The public hearing was opened at 7:00 p.m. with notice being read by Ms. Hayes, Vice Chair.

Mr. DeSimone of Colonial Engineering, representing the applicant, presented the application and plans. Construction of a new septic system is proposed. He stated that all construction will take place on the existing lawn and the old system will be abandoned. Mr. DeSimone said the work will be done in the spring or sooner. There will be no stockpiling of any removed material as it will be used for cover so the area will return to lawn. Access will be via the neighbor's driveway, according to Mr. DeSimone.

On a motion made by Mr. Larsen, seconded by Ms. Gavin, it was voted unanimously at 7:14 p.m. to close the public hearing for DEP File #CE225-0443, 85 Dover Road.

On a motion made by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, it was voted unanimously to approve an Order of Conditions, with Special Conditions, for the septic replacement at 85 Dover Road. The applicant will contact the Commission when erosion controls are in place and ready for inspection.

**REQ. FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY, PUBLIC HARING
GLEN ELLEN BLVD. WALKING PATHS**

The public hearing was opened at 7:15 p.m. with notice being read by Ms. Hayes, Vice Chair.

Mr. Merchant, from Toll Brothers, presented the application and plans. The proposed project involves repairing a sinkhole which has formed on the western side of an earthen walking path over Bogastow Brook. This is in the Open Space area.

In an email from Jonathan Niro of BETA, the Commission's peer consultants, dated February 8, 2024, stated that they did review the RDA and "did not have any significant concerns." BETA recommended that Toll notify the Commission before work starts so that staging/access can be

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reviewed in the field. Mr. Chisholm cautioned them “not to let anything go downstream” while doing the work.

On a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. Larsen, it was voted unanimously at 7:30 p.m. to close the public hearing for Glen Ellen Boulevard/Regency at Glen Ellen.

On a motion made by Ms. Hayes, seconded by Ms. Gavin, it was voted unanimously to approve a Negative 3 Determination of Applicability with the following Special Condition: Notify the Commission prior to starting work.

**DEP FILE #CE225-0437 – OAK GROVE FARM TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS
INFORMAL DISCUSSION RE: PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS**

The applicant was unable to attend. The discussion will be scheduled on the March 18, 2024, meeting agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS:

**DEP FILE# CE225-0432– 7 WATER STREET – DPW TREATMENT PLANT
REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

The Commission received a Request for Certificate of Compliance for the DPW PFAS treatment plant at 7 Water Street. A site visit will be conducted on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

**REGENCY AT GLEN ELLEN – ENFORCEMENT ORDER
EXTENSION REQUEST**

The Commission received an email from Mr. Jack Donahue, Association Manager of Barkan Management Co., for Regency at Glen Ellen, dated January 24, 2024. He requested that the Commission “move” the Enforcement Order discussion to the April meeting to give them “more time to prepare and Board members back from the south.” The Commission agreed that due to the nature of the violation, the Enforcement Order date to attend the March 18, 2024, meeting will not be extended.

On a motion made by Dr. Lederer, seconded by Ms. Hayes, it was voted unanimously to deny the extension request for the Enforcement Order discussion for Regency at Glen Ellen.

**ON-LINE PUBLISHING FOR REQUESTS FOR DETERMINATION OF
APPLICABILITY**

Ms. Standley contacted the newspaper used for advertising to inquire about on-line only advertising for RDA hearings. Unfortunately, the MetroWest/Daily News does not allow on-line only advertising – it has to be in print as well.

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MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Larsen, seconded by Ms. Gavin, the meeting minutes from January 8, 2024, were unanimously approved as written.

Scheduled Conservation Commission Meetings: March 18, 2024

There being no further business, on a motion made by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Ms. Gavin and voted unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Camille Standley
Administrative Assistant*