



TOWN OF MILFORD

Conservation Commission

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2023

Chair Zacchilli called to order the meeting of the Milford Conservation Commission at 7:00 P.M.

Members in attendance: Joe Zacchilli, Noel Bontempo, Michael Rolo, John Erickson, and Domingos Roda.

Members absent: Paul Braza and Derek Atherton.

Also in attendance: Elizabeth Mainini (Town Engineer)

Motion by Bontempo, second by Rolo to approve April 6, 2023, minutes. Motion carries. Four in favor. One abstention by John Erickson.

7:05 P.M.- Continuation Certificate of Compliance DEP#223-898 Walden Woods

Member Roda Recuses himself.

Present was Steve O'Connell from Turning Point Engineering

Mr. O'Connell stated the project was built 15 years ago and deviations from the design include, four of the proposed culverts were never constructed, and the flood plain area was not replicated. The flood plain elevation was lowered by FEMA after the design, resulting in substantial elimination of the project fill within the flood plain. Has met with town engineer several times to address several issues.

Town Engineer is not concerned with wetland #24 because it is receiving plenty of water. As constructed, drainage is bypassing the Wetland #25 and going directly into the street drainage system. Recommends Wetland #25 be reflagged and a wetland scientist look at wetland #25 to see if it has been impacted. Also concerned currently is going into the drainage system. Concerned with the amount of flow and volume being added to the system. However there is no strict prohibition of the water entering the drainage system. Other items to address before issuance of a COC are cleaning of Basin A and the durability of Drop Inlet #1.

Motion by Bontempo, second by Rolo to continue hearing to allow a wetland scientist to review town engineers' concerns. Motion carries. Four in favor.

Member Roda rejoins the meeting.

7:44 P.M.- Discussion disturbance to the bank of Ivy Brook-4 Lucia Drive Candace Shayla

Present was Candace Shayla.

Ms. Shayla stated wanted to install solar panels.

Town Engineer stated bank of Ivy Brook has stone on banking. Causes disturbance of habitat. Residents were removing trees to put up solar panels. Town Engineer wanted to make residents aware, and work done near brook should notify the conservation commission.

Town Engineer gave overview of land and explained the Commission could have the stones removed from the stream bank or left in place if they felt removal would be more disturbance.

Commissioners collectively agreed the stones along the bank should stay in place and Chairman Zacchilli stated resident should clean up bricks and debris near the brook. No further action or follow up needed.

8:04 P.M.- Certificate of Compliance DEP#223-1131 Cedar Street Gutierrez Company

Present were Israel Lopez from Gutierrez Company and Johnathan Rockwell.

Mr. Rockwell stated drainage systems of Cedar Street storm sceptor have been installed. All work has been completed.

Town Engineer stated concerned with outlet there I suspended silt. The storm sceptor has not been maintained.

Mr. Lopez stated believes in the responsibility of DOT.

Motion by Roda, second by Rolo to issue a certificate of compliance. With special condition s storm sceptor must be cleaned and documentation to be submitted to the town engineer. Motion carries. Five in favor.

8:13 P.M.- Discussion Violation- 29 Farese Road Arthur Demoura.

Resident not present.

8:24 P.M. – Enforcement Order- 324 West Street. Carla Silva Teixeira

Town Engineer stated that owner has submitted plans showing the wetland delineation. The work completed by the owner extended into the 100' buffer by about 5 feet. Enforcement Order required filing of an NOI but given the minor intrusion into the Buffer, a NOI filing would be excessive.

Motion by Roda, second by Bontempo to amend the enforcement order to require owner to file a determination of applicability. Motion Carries. Five in favor.

8:29 P.M.-Discussion wetlands concern 11 Cormier Circle

Resident was not present.

Town Engineer stated a neighbor complained the homeowners at 11 Cormier were dismantling the wall/dam that creates the pond that extends onto their land. She investigated and found the wall/dam appeared to be deteriorating from age, not being manually altered. She recommended the Commission take no further action at this time.

The Commission agreed to take no further action at this time.

8:31 P.M.- Discussion wetlands concern- 391 Central Street

Resident was not present.

Town Engineer stated gravel driveway next to wetlands since 2007 has not been removed in accordance with the Order of Conditions or the enforcement letter issued by Town Council approximately 3 years ago.

The chairperson recommends town engineer speak to counsel for further guidance on next steps of enforcement.

8:38 P.M.- Public Hearing- Notice of Intent DEP#223-1219 248-1/2 Purchase Street Eversource Energy

Present at hearing was David Hallo

Town Engineer states the Commission had no concerns at the last meeting but needed to wait for DEP number to be issued. She recommends an issuance of an order of conditions.

Motion by Roda to close the public hearing and issue an order of conditions (with standard conditions), second by Rolo. Motion carries. Five in favor.

8:42 P.M.- Notice of Intent DEP#223-1220 Gomes Way Jason Gomes

Present at the hearing was Giovani Fodera project manager.

Mr. Fodera gave an overview of the 4-Lot subdivision. Construction of the detention basin, a portion of the road and three of the four house lots are in the buffer zone of the resource area. Stormwater management in accordance with requirements.

Town Engineer brought up concerns about the inclusion of the lot development in the NOI for the subdivision. Although not ideal, it is allowed so she recommends issuance of the OOC with special conditions regarding any changes to the development of the lots.

Motion by Bontempo to close the public hearing and to issue an order of conditions, second by Erickson. Motion carries. Five in favor.

8:57 P.M.- Amended Notice of Intent DEP# 223-1215 Dilla Street Milford Water Company

Present at hearing was Dave Condrey from Milford Water and Molly Caruso from Tata & Howard.

Ms. Caruso stated looking for amendment to include an underground meter vault for the replacement wells previously approved. Changing configuration of water main. Meter vault being installed within the buffer zone.

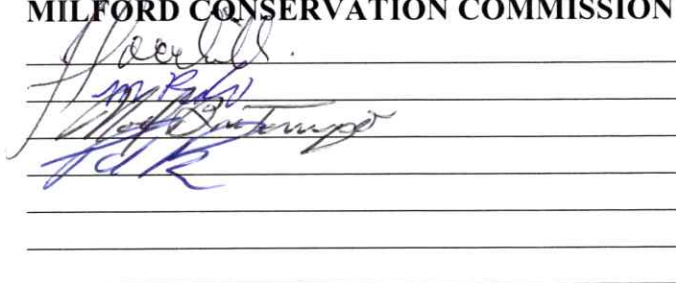
The Town Engineer recommends the issuance of an amended order of conditions.

Motion by Roda to close the public hearing and issue an amendment to the Order of Conditions, second by Rolo. Motion carries. Five in favor.

9:09 P.M.- Motion by Bomtempo, second by Roda to adjourn. Motion carries. Five in favor.

Minutes Recorded by:
Loriann Braza

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The block contains several horizontal lines with handwritten signatures in blue ink. The signatures appear to be 'H. Roda', 'M. Bomtempo', and 'J. Erickson'. There are also several empty lines below the signatures.