

**MILLIS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Room 104, Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA
January 11, 2016**

The meeting was brought to order at 7:30 p.m. by Dr. James Lederer, Chair.

The following members were present:

Dr. James Lederer, Chair
Anne Rich, Vice-Chair
Ed Chisholm, Tim Chorey, Christine Gavin, Cara Krinsky

Marta Nover, Nover-Armstrong, Wetlands Consultant

Members Absent: Daniel Lee

Others present: Linda Jones, 84 Irving St.
Virginia Demery, 1293 Main St.
Matt Darling, NERP Holdings & Acquisitions Co., LLC
Michael Dryden, Bohler Engineering
Mark Kearns, 60 Guild St., Norwood

**DEP FILE #CE225- 0390, NOTICE OF INTENT, PUBLIC HEARING, CON'T.
OFF MAIN STREET – LARGE SCALE SOLAR FACILITY
CLEAN ENERGY COLLECTIVE**

The public hearing continuation was opened at 7:30 p.m. with notice being read by Dr. James Lederer, Chair.

Ms. Colleen DeBenedetto, via email dated January 11, 2016, requested a continuance for the public hearing as an amended site plan has not yet been submitted.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Ms. Gavin, it was voted unanimously at 7:31 p.m. to continue the public hearing, without discussion, to Monday, March 7, 2016, 8:00 p.m.

**DEP FILE #CE225- 0392, NOTICE OF INTENT, PUBLIC HEARING
1313-1319 MAIN STREET – TRACTOR SUPPLY RETAIL STORE
NERP HOLDINGS & ACQUISITIONS CO., LLC**

The public hearing was opened at 7:45 p.m. with notice being read by Dr. James Lederer, Chair.

Mr. Michael Dryden of Bohler Engineering, representing the applicant, presented the application and plans. Mr. Dryden stated that the property contains approximately 48.7 acres of land, much of which is constrained by Wetland Resources. Both buildings on the property will be razed, he said. The proposed project will be on approximately four acres of previously disturbed land located along the site's western-most frontage, he said. The project, Mr. Dryden said, is to construct a Tractor Supply Retail store with outdoor display areas and parking. The proposed project also includes the installation of a new stormwater management system designed in accordance with current Massachusetts DEP guidelines, he said.

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There was discussion regarding the 100 year flood plain elevations and the 50-foot “No Disturb” area. Mr. Dryden stated that they interpreted that area as a “50 foot strip shall be maintained.” There are “no structures” proposed for that area, he said.

An Operations and Maintenance Plan has been included. Mr. Chorey stated that, if approved, a condition of approval would be submittal of a written report of annual maintenance performed to the Commission.

Mr. Dryden requested a continuance of the public hearing because they filed for a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals for the parking spaces. If their variance is approved, the plans will not be changed, however, if it is not approved, they will have to revise the plans, he said.

Mr. Dryden discussed the construction sequencing. Ms. Chisholm stated that his concerns would be clearing of the site and run-off “if it is open for a long time.” They would “have to be very careful,” he said.

Dr. Lederer stated that the Commission would like Ms. Nover to confirm the wetland line and review the plans at the applicant’s expense. Mr. Dryden stated that the applicant would be agreeable to that. Ms. Nover can contact Mr. Dryden directly.

The Commission scheduled a site visit for Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

On a motion made by Ms. Rich, seconded by Ms. Krinsky, it was voted unanimously at 8:30 p.m. to continue the public hearing to Monday, February 8, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

**185 VILLAGE STREET
INQUIRY LETTER**

It was observed that plowing of the fields had taken place at 185 Village Street. The Commission will send an inquiry letter as to what is planned for the field.

CASSIDY FIELD - TRAP

Ms. Gavin stated that a trap had been observed at Cassidy Field. Cassidy Field is owned by the Conservation Commission and a portion is owned by the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Gavin will find out specifically where it is and Dr. Lederer will contact the Police Department to have it removed from the property.

TRESCA BROTHERS – DEP INQUIRY

Ms. Rich stated that DEP was supposed to be the agency responsible for oversight of the Tresca Brothers operations. The Commission will contact DEP for a status update.

