



**TOWN OF MILFORD**  
**Conservation Commission**  
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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**Meeting Preparation**  
**January 25, 2024**

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, Jeff Frederick, and Michael Rolo.

Members absent: John Erickson and Domingos Roda.

Also in attendance: Elizabeth Mainini (Town Engineer)

Motion by Braza, second by Atherton to approve December 21, 2023, minutes.  
Motion carries. Four in favor. Zero abstention.

No invoices.

7: 06 P.M.- Appointment of member to Comprehensive Plan Sub-Committee. The appointee will be asked to attend a few Planning Board Meetings (1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) and possibly a few additional meetings. The committee will work with a consultant to outline the desired direction of the Town of Milford. The Conservation Commission member will be involved to ensure environmental considerations are taken into account.

Commissioner Jeffery Fredericks has volunteered to be appointed to the Comprehensive Plan Sub- Committee.

**7:08 P.M. - #50 Birch St – Certificate of Compliance DEP# 223-847**

Town Engineer explains the Commission issued a Certificate of Compliance November 11, 2009, but it was never recorded. One of the Original Documents was located and can be recorded by the property owner so no action by the Commission is required at this time.

**7:24 P.M. – #146 South Main St – Certificate of Compliance DEP# 223-999**

Town Engineer reports this OOC was issued to the previous property owner and is in front of the Commission to clear the Title. The applicant for the COC has cleaned up some trash near the wetland and is now aware the area is to remain clear.

Motion by Braza, second by Atherton to issue a full Certificate of Compliance for DEP#223-999.  
Motion carries. Four in favor.



### **7:10 P.M. - #43 Fiske Mill Road – Discussion of unpermitted work**

Representative in attendance were Leo and Joan Fantini.

Town Engineer explains a letter was sent to the property owners regarding unpermitted work at this property. Town Engineer completed a site walk with the property owners on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Beavers living in the pond destroyed vegetation/trees and the property owners tried to re-stabilize the area. Most of the work is downgradient of the pond, however the planting of shrubs and small trees along the berm of the pond could destabilize the earth dam. Town Engineer recommends an NOI be filed for the removal of the planted vegetation and propose a method of stabilizing the earthen dam. The Commission may consider having the NOI reviewed by Environmental Partners, who completed the latest dam inspection. The property owners have maintained their portion of the earthen dam and the Town's portion. They also regularly clear debris from the Town's spillway. Therefore, Town Engineer recommends the Commission use existing funds to have the NOI reviewed by Environmental Partners.

The Commission requests the property owner submit an NOI to include removal of the planted shrubs/trees and propose stabilization of the earth dam. The Commission also authorizes the Town Engineer to expend funds from the conservation consultant account to have Environmental Partners review the NOI.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **7:26 P.M. - #500 Fortune Blvd - Continuation Public Hearing for Notice of Intent DEP# 223-XXXX**

Motion by Atherton, second by Braza to continue the public hearing to the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.  
Motion carries. Four in favor.

#### **7:29 P.M.- Village at Silver Hill - Continuation Public Hearing for Notice of Intent DEP# 223-XXXX**

Representative in attendance: Dan O'Driscoll.

Town Engineer explains the surveyor for the applicant has submitted plans and revised NOI to the Commission and DEP. A DEP number should be issued before the next meeting. The plan shows the wetland fill of 85sqft and a replication of 85sqft. Town Engineer finds 1:1 replication acceptable in this instance because the replication is at the bottom of a steep slope and at a low point near the proposed wall. However, the Commission may want the typical 1:1.5 replication area.

Motion by Braza, second by Fredericks to continue the public hearing until the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.  
Motion carries. Four in favor.



## 7:40 P.M.- Town Engineers Report

Research on discharge of Saltwater Pool near wetlands indicates it is far less problematic than chlorinated pools. Sent the following information to DEP and am awaiting any comments.

- Saltwater pools have less chlorine and different types of chlorine than standard chlorine pools.
- The Chlorine Generator is constantly generating low levels of chlorine through electrolysis-ion breakdown.
- Manual addition relies on high levels being added so required levels are available as chlorine breaks down over time.
- Manually added chlorine breaks down contaminants through oxidation creating the dioxide byproduct that is most harmful to the wetland habitat.
- My recommendation as a policy for pool discharge pipes is that saltwater pools discharges are allowed at a minimum 25-feet from the wetland. Piped chlorine pool discharges should continue to be prohibited within 100 feet of the wetland without a provision for dichlorination.

Working with Goddard Consulting to apply for NOI with Medway Conservation to breach the beaver dam at the Alder St culvert. The beaver dam causes periodic flooding of Maple Street and several sewer pumps stations.

Meeting with engineer for the former Casino property on East Main St, there will be a NOI filed in the next couple months.

Report on violation notices to be sent:

- 12 Calvin Drive – pool water discharge
- 32 Littlefield Rd – planting and leaf dumping in wetland
- 48 Woodridge – fill in wets and pool discharge
- 46 Woodridge – pool discharge
- 36 Field Pond Rd – repair silt fence
- Courtland St – Erosion control to prevent material into road
- 38 Reservoir – Cut treetops to be removed from brook
- 25 Farese Rd – Cut vegetation to be removed from brook

**7:53 P.M. - Motion by Braza, second by Atherton to adjourn.**

**Motion carries. Four in favor.**

Minutes Recorded by:  
Loriann Braza

**MILFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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