



## MENDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

20 Main Street  
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

### Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2019

Members present: Mike Ammendolia, Peter Coffin, Carl Hommel, Emilio Perez

Board of Health Members Present: Tom Fichtner, Alan Greenberg

Peter Coffin called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

The Commission opened a discussion with the Mendon Board of Health and visiting resident constituents to identify factors contributing to Lake Nipmuc water quality issues and identify possible steps to addressing them. The goal of the meeting was to prepare for presenting proposals at the next Mendon Annual Town Meeting in May, 2020, for actions to be taken before July, 2020. It was agreed that:

- more data and water testing is needed to isolate contributing factors
- we must determine the cost of additional testing and research alternative sources
- we seek out other concerned groups, such as the Congress of Lakes and Ponds, and the Blackstone River Coalition
- the Town communicate with MA DOT about roadway runoff issues, storm drain and catch basin design, and their recommendations for improvements
- we possibly seek out consultants / college students / volunteers to assist our efforts
- the Town review septic hauler records and insist on vendor compliance in reporting
- we draft a memo to the Select Board requesting formation of a Task Force to address the health of Mendon's water bodies and natural resources, focusing on Lake Nipmuc
  - we involve the Parks Department and Highway Department as well as the Board of Health and the Conservation Commission.

Mike Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by Emilio Perez, to request that the Conservation Clerk, the Board of Health, and Anne Mazar draft the memo to the Select Board. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Commission set meeting dates the first six months of 2020, being:

Jan 9, 23    Feb 13, 27    Mar 12, 26    Apr 9, 23    May 14, 28    Jun 11, 25

The Commission discussed the MA DCR letter regarding its Forest Legacy Program. Mike Ammendolia make a motion, seconded by Emilio Perez, to have the Clerk draft a letter of support for the initiative for expansion of the program to include the Town of Mendon. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed a request from Miscoe School teachers for Commissioners to assist them in delineating wetland areas as they prepare a proposal to create outdoor learning areas near the school. Pater Coffin and Mike Ammendolia volunteered to help in the effort.

The Commission considered the Request for a Certificate of Compliance for septic repairs completed at 89 Blackstone St. (DEP#218-0776). Mike Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by Emilio Perez, to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission determined that the proposed tree removal project at 35 Taft Ave. is not jurisdictional to the Conservation Commission as long as stumps are left in place or ground, and no debris remains after work is completed.

Mike Ammendolia make a motion, seconded by Emilio Perez, to find a negative determination for proposed garage construction at 24 Carpenter Hill Rd. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:27, Peter Coffin made a motion, seconded by Mike Ammendolia, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Bill McHenry, clerk