



MENDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

20 Main Street
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2020

This meeting was held via publicly accessible video and teleconference as a precautionary measure against the COVID-19 Coronavirus. All votes were taken by roll call.

The remote meeting began at 7:13 pm.

Members present: Damon Tinio, Peter Coffin, Emilio Perez, Carl Hommel

Visitors joining the meeting: Fred Lapham (Shea Engineering), Margaret Bacon (Civil Site Engineering)

Chairman Tinio called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm.

At 7:16 pm the Commission re-opened the Public Hearing to consider Notices of Intent for **41 Milford St. (DEP# 218-0797)**. DEP recently provided comments requiring modifications to the proposal. Therefore, the applicant again requested continuation of the hearing to a future meeting. Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Peter Coffin, to continue the hearing to 7:15 pm at the next meeting, which is currently scheduled for August 27, 2020. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission considered the Request for a Certificate of Compliance for septic repairs completed at **13 Blackstone St. (DEP # 218-0794)**. Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Emilio Perez, to approve the request. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Carl Hommel presented information on current conditions and the potential for developing a maintenance plan for **Miscoe Hill Pond** (the water body adjacent to the Miscoe School). Peter Coffin made a motion, seconded by Emilio Perez, to pursue steps toward developing a management plan. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Tinio reported that residents are noting improved clarity in the water at **Lake Nipmuc** this summer, presumably from the modification of annual treatment (to include copper sulfate application for algae control).

Peter Coffin made a motion, seconded by Emilio Perez, to ratify the **Emergency Certification form** authorizing the breaching of beaver dams near 35 Vincent Rd. to reduce the probability of roadway flooding and culvert blockage. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed the water quality of **Lake Nipmuc** after this year's treatment. Peter Coffin reported his understanding that some bacteria testing had been done on behalf of the Lake Nipmuc Association. The Clerk was asked to request a copy of the results.

At 7:30 pm the Commission opened the Public Hearing to consider Notices of Intent for **12 Locust Hill Drive. (DEP# not yet assigned)**. Fred Lapham of Shea Engineering presented the plan. Peter Coffin made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to approve the plan as submitted, with the condition that 1) areas of the property

with a 2:1 (or steeper) slope are seeded with drought resistant grasses, with slope maintenance during the construction phase until vegetation has taken hold, and 2) pending issuance of a DEP file number and addressing any DEP comments. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:58 pm the Commission opened the Public Hearing to consider Notices of Intent for septic repairs at **1 Western Circle Ave. (DEP# 218-0799)**. Margaret Bacon, of Civil Site Engineering, presented the plan. Peter Coffin made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to approve the plan as submitted, subject to Mendon Board of Health approval of the distance between the proposed septic system and existing wells. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Peter Coffin, to accept the Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2020. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:07 pm Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Emilio Perez, to adjourn. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Bill McHenry, clerk