



MENDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

20 Main Street
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of August 27, 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 7:09 pm.

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

Presenters joining the meeting: Fire Chief Bill Kessler

Chairman Tinio called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

At 7:16 pm the Commission re-opened the Public Hearing to consider Notices of Intent for **41 Milford St. (DEP# 218-0797)**. The applicant once again requested continuation of the hearing to a future meeting and has agreed to re-notify abutters in advance of the meeting. Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Peter Coffin, to continue the hearing and reschedule it when the applicant is ready. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Bill Aten: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Mendon Fire Chief Bill Kessler presented information on a proposal for renewing existing **dry hydrants** within the Town and construction of a new one at Lake Nipmuc. The existing dry hydrants are on Carpenter Hill Rd. and near Miscoe School (partially on Town-owned land and partially on private property. The Clerk reported that MA DEP indicated the Fire Department might need to file Notices of Intent with the Conservation Commission for the hydrant near Lake Nipmuc, the fees for which would be waived since it would be a municipal project. Chief Kessler will return to discuss this again with the Commission after gathering more information.

The Commission noted that a report on potentially developing a maintenance plan for **Miscoe Hill Pond** (the water body adjacent to the Miscoe School) has been received from Water and Wetland, LLC and no remediation of the conditions there are needed at this time.

The Commission approved payment to Solitude Lake Management, in the amounts of \$262 and \$3590 for permitting and treatment of **Lake Nipmuc** this summer. Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Bill Aten, to approve the payments. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Bill Aten: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission approved payment to Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC), in the amount of \$513 for FY21 annual dues. Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Bill Aten, to approve the payment. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Bill Aten: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission again discussed water quality issues at **Lake Nipmuc**. It was agreed that investigation of treatment options will continue, and the Commission will entertain proposals and bids for treatment plans

before the annual budgeting for FY22 begins. The Clerk was instructed to invite Water and Wetland, LLC representatives to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss possible options.

Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Bill Aten, to accept the Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2020. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Bill Aten: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed the landscaping work underway at **29 Hartford Ave. West**. The Clerk was instructed to contact the project manager and request plans be presented at the next meeting, currently scheduled for September 24, 2020.

Commissioner Carl Hommel reported that mowing at the **Gaskill Meadows Conservation Area** could begin after October 25, 2020. The next step is for the Land Use Committee to finalize the Conservation Restriction agreement with Metacomet Land Trust.

At 7:54 pm Peter Coffin made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to adjourn. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Bill Aten: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Bill McHenry, clerk