



MENDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

20 Main Street
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2021

This meeting was held remotely 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 7:07 PM. The Clerk reviewed the protocols for conducting remote meetings.

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

Damon Tinio called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

The Commission discussed resident concerns about runoff reported between Kelley Rd. and Blackstone St. Peter Coffin volunteered to visit the source site and report back to the Commission.

At 7:15 the Commission opened the Public Hearing to review Notices of Intent for a proposed single-family house at **14 Locust Hill Dr. (DEP# 218-0807)**. Fred Lapham, of Shea Engineering, presented the plan. Peter Coffin made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to approve the plan. Roll call vote: Peter Coffin: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission opened the Public Hearing to review Notices of Intent for a proposed single-family house at **15 Locust Hill Dr. (DEP# 218-0808)**. Fred Lapham, of Shea Engineering, presented the plan. Peter Coffin made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to approve the plan. Roll call vote: Peter Coffin: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission opened the hearing to consider a request to amend the Order of Conditions for **7 Applewood Lane (DEP# 218-0792)**. Bob Poxon, of Guerriere & Halnon, explained the request. Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Peter Coffin, to approve the request. Roll call vote: Peter Coffin: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Joe Antonellis, John Rockwood, and Rob DeMarco offered a presentation on a proposal for the Mendon Conservation Commission to hold a **Conservation Restriction for Open Space near 10 Southwick St.** The Commission indicated it is agreeable in concept and open to the idea of holding such a Conservation Restriction. A more formal proposal will be brought before the Commission for a formal decision.

The Commission discussed residents' concerns about flooding between Talbott Farm Rd and Rt. 140. Peter Coffin volunteered to visit the possible source site and report back to the Commission.

Anne Mazar presented a draft of the **Conservation Restriction for 131 North Ave.** for review. She will present a final draft at an upcoming meeting.

The Commission discussed with Anne Mazar the draft of a Memorandum of Understanding regarding an easement from the Applewood subdivision to access adjacent Town-owned Open Space. Mrs. Mazar will

correct some discrepancies in the document and the issue will be revisited when it's certain which entity will hold the Conservation Restriction.

The Commission discussed the proposal for a Supplemental Environmental Project prepared by John Nenart of Rte. 85 Realty Corp. The proposed project, funded by the Rte. 85 Realty Corp., will determine factors affecting the water quality of Lake Nipmuc. Peter Coffin made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to send a letter of support for the project to MA DEP. Roll call vote: Peter Coffin: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed mowing in the **Gaskill Meadows Conservation Area** that must be completed before April 15, 2021. Considerations include: marking the area to be mowed; procurement and bidding requirements; determining the mowing height; and the solicitation of contractors to complete the job. No action was taken.

The Commission discussed responsibilities of Pond Meadow Estates homeowners regarding encroachments into **Gaskill Meadows Conservation Area**. The Clerk was directed to draft letters to individual homeowners to inform them of their encroachments into the Open Space, and to indicate the Commission will discuss these encroachments with homeowners at its meeting on March 25, 2021.

Peter Coffin made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to approve payment of \$526 to Solitude Lake Management for final tasks in the 2020 Lake Nipmuc treatment program. Roll call vote: Peter Coffin: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission directed the Clerk to contact MA DEP to request the Commission be copied on any correspondence with, or reporting from the land owners of **50 Milford St** to MA DEP.

Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Peter Coffin, to accept the Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2020 and December 10, 2020. Roll call vote: Peter Coffin: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

At 9:04 PM Peter Coffin made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to adjourn. Roll call vote: Peter Coffin: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Bill McHenry, clerk