



MENDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

20 Main Street
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of February 25, 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 7:05 PM. The Clerk reviewed the protocols for conducting remote meetings.

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

Mike Ammendolia called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

The Commission discussed resident concerns about runoff reported between Kelley Rd. and Blackstone St. Peter Coffin reported on his visit to the source site. Resident David Capone provided his observations. Mike Ammendolia volunteered to visit the site during the weekend when (predicted) rain will make runoff observable. The Clerk was directed to send letters to the contractors with open projects in that area asking them to mitigate the potential for continued erosion.

The Commission discussed residents' concerns about flooding impacts between Talbott Farm Rd and Rt. 140. Tim Aicardi volunteered to inspect the possible source site and report back at the next meeting. The Clerk was directed to send a letter to the contractor at the source site to ask they mitigate the runoff issues.

Joe Antonellis presented the proposal for Mendon Conservation Commission to become the grantee of a proposed **Conservation Restriction for land near 10 Southwick St.** Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Tim Aicardi, to accept a submission of a revised draft Conservation Restriction from the petitioner, thus allowing the process to move forward. A revised draft of the Conservation Restriction is expected to be ready for review within two months. Roll call vote: Peter Coffin: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Mike Ammendolia: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Joe Onorato, of Water and Wetland, LLC, presented a proposal for the 2021 treatment program for **Lake Nipmuc**. The Commission is entertaining proposals from several vendors. Mr. Onorato indicated it would be best to have a contract decision in March or April to allow time for DEP permitting so treatments can be conducted early in the season. The Clerk was asked to invite the Parks Commissioner, Dan Byer, to participate in upcoming meetings since treatment schedules can affect Parks Department programming.

The Commission discussed how it will obtain proposals for mowing in the **Gaskill Meadows Conservation Area**, which needs to be completed before April 15, 2021. The Clerk was directed to contact the potential contractors that were mentioned in the discussion to solicit interest in doing the work. The Clerk was also directed to contact the developer of Pond Meadow Estates to have them remove any silt fencing remaining in the Open Space.

The Commission discussed responsibilities of Pond Meadow Estates homeowners regarding encroachments into **Gaskill Meadows Conservation Area**. The Clerk reported that letters to individual homeowners are being drafted 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.

Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Emilio Perez, to accept the Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2021. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Peter Coffin: abstained. The motion passed by a majority.

At 8:10 PM Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Emilio Perez, to adjourn. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Peter Coffin: abstained. The motion passed by a majority.

The next Conservation Commission meeting was scheduled for March 25, 2021.

Minutes prepared by Bill McHenry, clerk