



## MENDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

20 Main Street  
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2021

This meeting was held remotely via publicly accessible video and teleconference as a precautionary measure against the COVID-19 Coronavirus.

The remote meeting began at 7:15 PM. The Clerk reviewed the protocols for conducting remote meetings.

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

Chairman Tinio called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM.

At 7:17 pm the Commission re- opened the Public Hearing to review Notices of Intent for a proposed single-family house at **27 Park St. / Freeman Place. (DEP# 218-0809)**. Peter Coffin made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to continue the hearing to opened the Public Hearing to the next meeting (afterwards scheduled for May 20, 2021) at 7:15 pm. Roll call vote: Damon Tinio: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Emilio Perez: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:19 pm the Commission opened the Public Hearing to review Notices of Intent for a proposed carport, walkway and dock at **4 Nipmuc Dr. (DEP# 218-not yet assigned)**. Amanda Cavaliere, of Guerriere & Halnon, along with property owners Barbara and Rick Leland, presented the plan. DEP representative Judy Schmitz indicated that a MA Ch. 91 Great Pond Dock Permit might be required. Peter Coffin made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to approve the plan, subject to DEP comments received when the file number is assigned. Roll call vote: Damon Tinio: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Emilio Perez: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Alan Tetreault, Mendon Highway Surveyor, and Fire Chief Bill Kessler presented a proposal for work on the path near the Mendon Town Beach. Improvements to the path, used by the public for launching canoes and kayaks, would be regrading and surfacing it to allow firetrucks to come within 60' of the shore to pump water for firefighting. Several bollards would be installed to prevent vehicles from getting closer to the shore. Peter Coffin made a motion, seconded by Emilio Perez, to approve the plan in concept, subject to filing of a Notice of Intent with an engineering plan showing the materials to be used. Roll call vote: Damon Tinio: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Emilio Perez: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Bournazian, property owner at 29-31 Mowry St. appeared upon request to discuss the status of activities in or near wetland areas on the property. He acknowledged that earthwork piles have been placed within 25' of wetlands. The Commission asked Mr. Bournazian to stop any work near the wetland buffer zone and hire an engineering firm to prepare an engineered plan and Notice of Intent to restore the affected wetland areas.

Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Peter Coffin, to ratify the Emergency Certification form for breaching of beaver dams near 16 Kelley Rd. Roll call vote: Damon Tinio: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Emilio Perez: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Peter Coffin, to ratify the Emergency Certification form generated in coordination with a National Grid beaver dam permit granted by the Mendon Board of Health for work near 68

Mowry St. Roll call vote: Damon Tinio: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Emilio Perez: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Peter Coffin made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to approve and accept the **Conservation Restriction for 131 North Ave.** Roll call vote: Damon Tinio: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Emilio Perez: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Peter Coffin made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to award a contract to Water & Wetland, LLC in the amount of \$4500 for **Lake Nipmuc water treatments** for 2021. Roll call vote: Damon Tinio: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Emilio Perez: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed the status of mowing the **Gaskill Meadows Conservation Area.** Peter Coffin made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to make a partial payment of \$4500 to Roy Landscaping for work completed to date and discuss with Mr. Roy the work that remains to be completed. Roll call vote: Damon Tinio: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Emilio Perez: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission continued discussion of flooding impacts between Talbott Farm Rd and Cape Rd / Rt. 140. The Clerk had sent a letter to the owners of **23 Cape Rd.** asking for them to appear before the Commission to discuss ongoing issues. No response was returned. The Clerk was now directed to draft an Enforcement Order informing the property owners they must install effective erosion controls, prepare a restoration plan with a consultant or engineer, and schedule a site visit with MA DEP and the Conservation Commission.

Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Peter Coffin, to accept the meeting minutes for February 25, 2021. Roll call vote: Damon Tinio: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Emilio Perez: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Peter Coffin, to accept the meeting minutes for March 25, 2021. Roll call vote: Damon Tinio: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Emilio Perez: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The next Conservation Commission meeting was set for May 20, 2021.

At 9:05 pm Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Peter Coffin, to adjourn Roll call vote: Damon Tinio: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Emilio Perez: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Bill McHenry, clerk