

Meeting Date: 23-02-23
Meeting Location: Hybrid Teams / 2nd Floor Meeting Room
Minutes Approved: 23-03-09

Members Present: Carl Hommel, Bob Sweet, Peter Coffin, Tim Acardi (remote)

Members Absent: Susan Cahalan, Mike Ammendolia

Recording <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j05mQrk6k3E>

Quorum reached at 7:12 and the recording started. The meeting is called to order by Chairman Carl Hommel and the Conservation Commission members introduce themselves.

Public Hearings begin at 7:15pm

106 Millville Rd: Continuation of discussion of Enforcement Order for 106 Millville Road with wetland scientist Tom Schutz from Goddard Consulting (remote) and Roger Warner (attorney for owner). Also present is Jay Talerman (remote), attorney for Kathleen and Mark Alexander 14 Lovell St. Tom presented a plan showing two stockpile locations and said that a Curlex Erosion Control blanket would be used. Roger agrees that owner will present a plan for the final resolution of the stockpiles within 90 days of the completion of the enforcement order. Commission agrees that the contractor can use the northern stockpile location. There will be an operations and maintenance plan for inspecting the stockpiles after a storm event.

Peter motioned and Bob seconded to continue this hearing and discussion of the Enforcement Order until the next meeting on March 9. Passed unanimously.

35 Taft Ave

DEP 218-0841 Notice of Intent submitted on behalf of applicant Gregory Buckingham of Buckingham Architectural Design for work associated with an existing single family dwelling reconstruction and addition at 35 Taft Ave. Also attending is the professional engineer Bob Duff (remote) from Guerriere & Hanlon. Wetlands delineation by Goddard Consulting.

Gregory is a licensed general contractor and also the homeowner and designer. There was a previous Order of Conditions from 2013 with DEP218-0710 but only phase 1 and not phase 2 or 3 was completed. Plan is to demolish existing house and rebuild on a larger footprint. Applicant will submit an updated plan answering questions raised during the discussion.

Moved by Peter and seconded by Bob to continue this hearing until the next meeting on March 9. Passed unanimously.

35-37 Hastings St / 18-20 Washington St

DEP File Number 218-0831 Notice of Intent filed by Tomas Schutz by Goddard Consulting, LLC for applicant John Nenart. Hastings Street Plaza for the construction of properties located at 35-37 Hastings Street, and 18-20 Washington Street, Mendon, MA 01756

Peter Coffin and Damon Tineo have recused themselves from this project.

The applicant requested via email to continue indefinitely until they submit a request. At that time they will renotify abutters.

Bob motioned and Tim seconded to continue this hearing indefinitely. Passed unanimously.

23 Cape Road

Continuation of discussion of Notice of Intent submitted on behalf of applicant Stephen Butte for the construction of a one-story warehouse building located at 23 Cape Road Mendon, MA 01756

Applicant asked to continue until March 9 as there were no questions for them to answer at this time.

Moved by Tim and seconded by Peter to continue this hearing until the next meeting on March 9.
Passed unanimously.

116 Uxbridge Rd

DEP 218-tbd Notice of Intent submitted on behalf of applicant George's Surf N' Turf by Mark Allen (remote) and John Scalin (remote) of Allen Engineering for replacing the leach field for a septic system.

Plan is before the Board of Health. Plan is to build a new field alongside the old. Discussion about the tradeoffs between being in the buffer zone vs cutting down trees.

Moved by Peter and seconded by Bob to continue this hearing until the next meeting on March 9.
Passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

From Lawrence Coletta about hydrologic changes near 33 Cape Rd

Peter identified three issues: PFAS runoff from the soccer field, runoff from the solar farm, and silt runoff from 23 Cape Rd.

- Larry asked what would trigger testing water quality in the stream for PFAS runoff. We are awaiting guidance from the EPA and MassDEP
- The parking lot for the 33 Cape Rd soccer field was approved for pervious pavement and was later paved over. This should be raised with the Planning Board

From Karen Friedman of Lurie Friedman, asking for information on the 2021 Enforcement Order for 23 Cape Rd

Peter explained no order was sent in 2021. However, he contacted the MassDEP circuit rider and prepared a Notice of Violation to send to the current owner for 23 Cape Rd. This will be sent out by registered mail and on the agenda for March 9.

From Mendon Highway Dept about paperwork for beaver dams

Damon signed the paperwork for destroying 5 dams, but a question was asked about where they were.

From an anonymous voicemail about clearcutting at 2 Nipmuc Rd

This property is subject to an Order of Conditions and there was a discussion about the work done on site and the location of the siltation barrier.

Peter will send a letter asking the owner to appear at the March 9 meeting.

From James O'Connell 88 Providence St about tree cutting within a wetlands buffer

He will be put on the agenda for March 9.

Review Board of Health meeting about a Lake Nipmuc task force

Bob has volunteered to be the ConComm representative. It is unclear what the governance structure of the task force will be. Carl will work with Lawney Tineo and the Select Board to determine this and what the ConComm role will be.

2 Thayer Rd

DEP 218-0813 Review Certificate of Compliance submitted on behalf of applicant by Sam Hayden from SWCA Environmental Consultants as the G-11 System Value Regulator work has been completed.

Bob and Susan attended a site walk. Grass has grown and Susan took photos which were shown.

Moved by Peter and seconded by Bob to issue a Certificate of Compliance. Tim tried to second but was beat out. Passed unanimously.

Discuss ConComm finances

Peter will look into our outstanding bills and depositing checks.

Motion to adjourn by Peter seconded by Tim, passed unanimously.