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Meeting Date: 2023-03-09

Meeting Location: Mendon Town Hall / 2nd Floor Meeting Room

Minutes Approved: 24-02-08

Members present: Carl Hommel, Susan Cahalan, Tim Aicardi

Members Remote: Mike Ammendolia

Members absent: Bob Sweet, Peter Coffin

The meeting is called to order by Chairman Carl Hommel and the Conservation Commission members introduce themselves. Quorum is met

Recording <https://youtu.be/mun-NcXwW4o?si=YnNnUtwQO3U1QuV1>

The meeting is called to order by Chairman Carl Hommel and the Conservation Commission members introduce themselves. Attendees;

James O'Connell 88 Providence Street – present

Karen Friedman - Attorney representing homeowner of 14 Talbot Street

Order of Conditions for 73 and 75 Blackstone. - Michael Dean from Dean DL Design.

7:15pm Open Public Hearings:

35/37 Taft Ave

106 Millville Road

116 Uxbridge Road

23 Cape Road

2 Nipmuc Road

Carl Hommel: Question Notice of Intent, applicant asked for continuance. Request to continue Blue Water project discussion at this time. In order to get on to the agenda there needs to be 48hr

notification; once on the agenda the Commission will be able to take action; two items on the table at this meeting will remain.

Carl Hommel; Motion to continue 23 Cape Road discussion, passes unanimously.

Motion to approve Minutes from February 23, 2023, passes unanimously.

7:15 Open Public Hearings:

23 Cape Road continuance

Notice of Intent submitted on behalf of applicant request to be deferred. Stephen Butte as for the construction of a one-story warehouse building by Dan Wells Senior Wildlife/Wetland Scientist of LEC Environmental.

Susan will be sending a letter to Blue Water asking about particulates and continuing as well as the Board of Health.

Carl Hommel - Motion to continue for two weeks; Motion passes 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. Roof recharge Caltech Chamber rear of house for downspouts- recharge gutter overflow down to pond larger storm events, north side crush stone Swale runoff from driveway, details and drawing are submitted in presentation. Certificate of Compliance requested and submitted.

Carl Hommel; Motion to approve the plan application with the added infiltration in the downspout and will address in two weeks. Motion passes unanimously.

106 Millville Rd

Continuation of discussion of Enforcement Order for 106 Millville Road with representative/wetland scientist Tom Schultz Wetland Scientist. Discussion on Enforcement Order, diagrams placing film material, stockpile and silt fence, any interest from abutters, erosion controls. Erosion Control – acrylics has a life expectancy of six months. Biodegradable.

Property owners will be back in 90 days to see what the next steps are with other plans to manage stockpile as shown on documents and schematics available online. Zoned for residential but was a hobby farm in the past. Place a hold on the southern stockpile for the next two weeks.

Carl Hommel- Motion to continue to continue for two weeks. Motion unanimously.

116 Uxbridge Rd: DEP #218- 0842

Notice of Intent submitted on behalf of applicant George's Surf N' Turf by Mark Allen of Allen Engineering for work involving a septic system. Septic System and stone walls during winter. Permit needed and work will be in the next three years. Title V inspector few fixes which were done to Board of Health.; suggested meeting in two weeks. Site walk was done last February 7, 2023.

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Carl Hommel- Postponed indefinitely until such time the Board of Health's decision. Motion passes unanimously.

23 Cape Rd- Notice of Violation

Abraham Jriej—letter sent to owner of land. 2020 owner was told silt was going into the Wetland; contacted Jamie Olimpia; put crushed stones all around the catch basin, then Damon Tino looked at the hydroseed area, added another silt fence and more stones. Olimpia and Hydroseed crushed stone; the next meeting he attended was approved. David Brazz (2021) earth/silt area that was to be cleared which Blue Water was hired and town consultant suggested. Vegetation was apparent. Owner claims the soccer field is pitched onto his property and that they had impervious parking which was changed to asphalt-has a detention but run off goes onto his property. He found a solution with three detention ponds. No filing for DEP.

Continued.

Carol Hommel outlined:

- When did Braza do the cleanup 8 /2021 August to clean – Private contractor
- Request for report from Blue Water
- Water from soccer field Carl Hommel– will send a letter to Planning Board and Board of Selectmen to review soccer field and find a solution.
- Complaint from adjacent neighbor - 14 Talbot Road
- Owner has a video to present to ConCom
- Carl Hommel suggests next time there is a storm event where water is flowing into sand video of water from Soccer field. From 2013 to 2021 resource and earth removal. Video of Soccer field run off or other area going into the owner's property

Karen Friedman, Attorney (remote) representing clients of 14 Talbot Road; concern is the clear-cutting degree of resource trees and earth removal 2013-2021 – what are the effects silt running into client's property. Site walk is suggested. Schematics are presented from Google Earth photo. Why did the owner hydroseed. This was to stop growth/stabilize.

2 Nipmuc Rd Notice of Violation – erosion control

Question on whether the siltation barrier had been put in place at the location. There was an anonymous complaint via letter. Peter Coffin went out and (Single family home) siltation barrier was not working.

Order of Conditions owner Bento Pinto, revised to no disturb zone and riprap to driveway and leave tree roots. Michael Dean from Dean DL Design. Order of Conditions has been issued.

Carl Hommel -suggested a site walk to report for the next meeting in two weeks.

88 Providence St

Meet with owner James O'Connell regarding tree cutting within a wetlands buffer- America Climbers Tree Service Permit needed – paperwork necessary for Negative Determination.

Carl Hommel; Motion to make a Negative Determination; Passes unanimously.

Other

- Review Concom finances – cannot discuss because Peter is not present
- Correspondence – DEP has a new manual on Vegetated Wetlands

Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.