Damon Tinio, Chairman Peter Coffin, Vice Chairman



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Conservation Commission Mendon Town Hall Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2015

Attending: D. Tinio, P. Coffin, W. Aten; Anne Mazar, Community Preservation Committee.

Chairman D. Tinio called the meeting to order at 8:04 PM.

The Commissioners could not hold the Notice of Intent hearing that was scheduled for 40 Kinsley Ln because no one representing the project was in attendance.

The Commissioners reviewed the Conservation Restriction, Conservation Restriction Application, and Memorandum of Understanding between Metacomet Land Trust and the Town of Mendon for the Pearson property at 43 Quissett Road. Vice-Chairman P. Coffin made and W. Aten seconded a motion to approve and sign the aforementioned documents, as this Conservation Restriction is in the public interest because it promotes open space and agriculture. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman P. Coffin made and W. Aten seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated January 8, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners reviewed the BOS Routing Slip for 2015 Seasonal Licenses for George's Surf n Turf, the Mendon Driving Range, and Southwick's Zoo. They found no issues. Chairman D. Tinio signed the slip. **All members were in agreement.**

The Commissioners set the following future meeting date: March 25. All members were in agreement.

The Commissioners reviewed the Modification of Definitive Plans for White Pines Estates at 91A Providence Street. They did not find any wetland issues or concerns. **All members were in agreement.**

The Commissioners reviewed the letter regarding foreclosure of 60 North Ave dated January 12, 2015.

The Commissioners reviewed the Notices of Decision from the Zoning Board of Appeals for 60 Uxbridge Rd and 2 Stymast Dr. Variances were granted for both properties. The variance granted for 60 Uxbridge Rd will allow plans that were previously reviewed by the Conservation Commission to continue as they were presented, without requiring alteration and further review. **All members were in agreement.**

The Commissioners reviewed a Request for Certificate of Compliance for 174 Blackstone St. The work had been completed through the point of landscaping, which will stabilize the soil. Vice-Chairman P. Coffin made and W. Aten seconded a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance for 174 Blackstone St as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners decided to pass over review of the Summary of the 2014 Water Chestnut Harvesting from Lycott until the next meeting. **All members were in agreement.**

The Commissioners attended the Finance Committee meeting at 8:30 PM to review their requested budget for FY16. The majority of the line items have minimal changes, such as the Meetings & Dues account that will need to increase by \$69 from FY15 to cover higher membership dues charges. The Commissioners had also submitted a request to increase the amount of hours for their Administrative Clerk from 10 per week to 30 per week. At the current rate of pay, this would require an additional \$19,487.13 in the salary line item. The Commissioners discussed this need for additional hours with the Finance

Committee. The Finance Committee explained that it is the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen to prioritize all of the additional requests that departments are submitting. They also suggested that the Conservation Commission research whether their fees are in line with those of other towns and whether there is potential to charge additional fees that could possibly self-fund the additional hours.

Vice-Chairman P. Coffin made and W. Aten seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Cameron, Administrative Clerk

Documents Discussed located in the Conservation Commission Office:

Notice of Intent for 40 Kinsley Ln

Conservation Restriction, Conservation Restriction Application, & Memorandum of Understanding for 43 Quissett Rd Meeting minutes of January 8, 2015

BOS Routing Slip for 2015 Seasonal Licenses

Modification of Definitive Plans for White Pines Estates at 91A Providence St

Foreclosure letter for 60 North Ave dated January 12, 2015

Notices of Decision for 60 Uxbridge Rd & 2 Stymast Dr

Request for Certificate of Compliance & Certificate of Compliance for 174 Blackstone St

Summary of the 2014 Water Chestnut Harvesting from Lycott

FY16 Requested Budget