

*Damon Tinio, Chairman
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*Michael Ammendolia
William Aten
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TOWN OF MENDON

Conservation Commission
Mendon Town Hall
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2015

Attending: D. Tinio, P. Coffin, W. Aten, M. Ammendolia, T. Aicardi; Andrea Kendall, LEC Environmental; Lexi Barlow, Blue Wave Capital; Adam Christie, Meridian Associates; Jeremy Harvey, 11 Bellingham St; Diane Rice, Katherine Victor, Kinsley Ln residents; Anne Mazar, Land Use Committee; John Colombo, 42 Quissett Rd.

Vice-Chairman P. Coffin called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

The Commissioners reviewed a Request for Jurisdictional Project Determination for 11 Bellingham St for an in ground pool with Jeremy Harvey. They verified that the fill that will be removed will not end up in the wetlands. J. Harvey stated that it would be used to level out the pool area. They also verified that the pool is staying outside of the 100 foot buffer zone. Therefore, the work was determined to have no impact on wetlands. **All members were in agreement for the approval of the Jurisdictional Project Determination for 11 Bellingham St.**

The Commissioners discussed concerns regarding 41 & 37 Kinsley Ln with Katherine Victor and Diane Rice. K. Victor was concerned about the owner potentially installing a leach field in such close proximity to the lake. D. Rice was concerned about people living in the garage that they build on the property. T. Aicardi stated that the garage issue is currently being reviewed by Town Council. The Commission decided to send a letter to the property owners notifying them that any work they do within 100 feet of the lake is within their jurisdiction. They will advise the owners to stop what they are doing and come to a Conservation Commission meeting to review their plans. **All members were in agreement.**

Vice-Chairman P. Coffin opened the Notice of Intent hearing continuation for 36 Milford St for a photovoltaic solar array at 7:52 PM. The hearing was continued in order to allow for a site walk and feedback from the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP). After conversations with Pat Ghelli, an abutter, BlueWave Capital made a few revisions to the plans. They added lines of trees between P. Ghelli's house and the array and moved the inverter further from her property. Feedback was received from NHESP stating that with three conditions, the project will not result in a "take" of state-listed species. The conditions are: creation of a Wood Turtle Protection Plan, maintenance occurring only between November 1 and March 31, and the security fence being positioned six inches off the ground. M. Ammendolia had concerns about grading and filling after removal of the tree stumps. Adam Christie stated that the array follows the contours of the land and minimal grading and filling of stump holes will occur. The Commissioners decided to add two special conditions to the Order of Conditions. The first was for the southern line of hay bales to utilize silt fence as well. The second is for the wetlands within the parcel to be marked with signage to discourage activity from occurring within or nearby them. **Vice-Chairman P. Coffin made and Chairman D. Tinio seconded a motion to approve the Notice of Intent for 36 Milford St as presented with the previously mentioned conditions. W. Aten and T. Aicardi were in agreement. M. Ammendolia was opposed.**

The Commissioners discussed the status of the Pearson property with Anne Mazar. She said that Metacomet Land Trust will be walking the property annually to monitor it. She also said that they will be doing a baseline study of the property this summer. A. Mazar also presented a draft of the trails bylaw to the Commissioners. They said they would take a look at it and get back to her with feedback. **All members were in agreement.**

The Commissioners discussed 42 Quissett Rd with John Colombo. The property has an open Order of Conditions for the proposed three bedroom house and septic system. The plans have been revised to change the location of the septic system due to site conditions. Grading for the system now occurs within the 25' no disturb zone, as noted in the town bylaw. The Commissioners also requested that J. Colombo place hay bales around the well during construction. The Commissioners decided to amend the Order of Conditions to reflect the changes of the revised plans. **All members were in agreement.**

The Commissioners reviewed a Request for Jurisdictional Project Determination for 5 Puddingstone Ln for an 18x36 in ground pool. The work was determined to have no impact on wetlands. **All members were in agreement for the approval of the Jurisdictional Project Determination for 5 Puddingstone Ln.**

The Commissioners reviewed a Request for Jurisdictional Project Determination for 25 Hastings St for a 3.5x7 sign. The work was determined to have no impact on wetlands. **All members were in agreement for the approval of the Jurisdictional Project Determination for 25 Hastings St.**

The Commissioners reviewed a Notice of Intent to Sell for lots on Thayer Rd dated 3/24/15. The Commissioners have no interest in this land.

The Commissioners reviewed a Zoning Variance Petition for 127 Uxbridge Rd.

T. Aicardi made and M. Ammendolia seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated March 25, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners reviewed a Request for Jurisdictional Project Determination for 9 Asylum St for an 18x37 in ground pool. The work was determined to have no impact on wetlands. **All members were in agreement for the approval of the Jurisdictional Project Determination for 9 Asylum St.**

The Commissioners reviewed an email from Katlyn Lawver at ESI Power Corp dated 4/8/15. K. Lawver described a potential solar project at Miscoe Elementary School (148 North Ave) with arrays over existing parking lots. She was inquiring about the need for environmental permits since the arrays will go over existing impervious surfaces. The Commissioners would like to discuss this at a meeting if the work is going to take place within 100 feet of the creek that runs behind the school. **All members were in agreement.**

W. Aten made and T. Aicardi seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Cameron, Administrative Clerk

Documents Discussed located in the Conservation Commission Office:

Meeting minutes of March 25, 2015

Jurisdictional Project Determinations for: 11 Bellingham St, 5 Puddingstone Ln, 25 Hastings St, & 9 Asylum St

Conservation Commission letter to 37 Kinsley Ln

Notice of Intent & Order of Conditions for: 36 Milford St

Draft of the Trails Bylaw

Order of Conditions & revised plans for 42 Quissett Rd

Notice of Intent to Sell lots on Thayer Rd dated 3/24/15

Zoning Variance Petition for 127 Uxbridge Rd

Email from Katlyn Lawver at ESI Power Corp dated 4/8/15 regarding potential solar at Miscoe Elementary