

*Damon Tinio, Chairman
Peter Coffin, Vice Chairman*



*Michael Ammendolia
William Aten
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TOWN OF MENDON

Conservation Commission
Mendon Town Hall
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2015

Attending: Vice-Chairman Peter Coffin, William Aten, Timothy Aicardi, Michael Ammendolia

Vice-Chairman P. Coffin called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Vice-Chairman P. Coffin opened the Notice of Intent hearing for 6 Nipmuc Drive for patios, stairs, lawn and beach areas, and a dock at 7:45 PM. Engineer Bob Poxon and Kevin Meehan discussed the project with the Commission. The proposed patio will consist of semi-porous pavers below the proposed deck. Improvements to the lawn area will require some regrading. The beach area will be created by removing a previously paved surface. Erosion control will be installed along the edge of Lake Nipmuc. Existing drainage patterns on the site will be maintained. The proposed work will result in about a 20% net decrease in impervious surface over the entire site since pavement will be removed and semi-porous surfaces are proposed. Joan Caldarella, a member of the Lake Nipmuc Association asked where the septic system runoff goes and whether the pavilion will still exist after this proposed work. K. Meehan explained that the septic system drains up near the road and that the pavilion will still be in place. He added that he will be returning to the Conservation Commission in the future to discuss renovating it. Vice-Chairman P. Coffin said that he would like to visit the site. **M. Ammendolia made and W. Aten seconded a motion to approve the Notice of Intent for 6 Nipmuc Drive pending Vice-Chairman P. Coffin's site visit and any special conditions that he might add upon observation of the site. The motion carried unanimously.**

Vice-Chairman P. Coffin opened the Notice of Intent hearing for Lots 1 & 2 Thayer Road for single family homes at 8:00 PM. Engineer Mark Allen discussed the project with the Commission. Lot 1 is within the buffer zone of the wetland across the street. The house and septic system will be located outside of the buffer zone, but the driveway and well will be within the buffer zone. Vice-Chairman P. Coffin had concerns about erosion during the process of digging the well. He suggested a special condition for the Order of Conditions for a sump hole to be set up while the well is being dug. Todd Gleason of 20 Thayer Road had concerns about the existing condition of the road and the potential for it to worsen with the proposed construction activities. Vice-Chairman P. Coffin explained that the Conservation Commission does not have jurisdiction over those types of concerns and suggested that he talk to the Highway Department and the Town Administrator. Peter Denton of 39 Thayer Road had concerns about fertilizer use on the lot draining into the wetland. The Commission explained that they could limit fertilizer use in the special conditions. M. Allen explained that the project has been reviewed by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) and that they have approved the project. The Commission requested a copy of the letter stating NHESP's approval. **M. Ammendolia made and W. Aten seconded a motion to continue the Notice of Intent hearing for Lot 1 Thayer Road until the July 16, 2015 meeting at 8:15 PM pending receipt of the letter from NHESP. The motion carried unanimously.** Lot 2 is within the buffer zone of a stream that is in between Lots 2 and 3. Vice-Chairman requested that the limit of clearing that is proposed behind the house be shifted so that clearing does not occur within the 25' no disturb zone that exists in the Town of Mendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw. **Vice-Chairman P. Coffin made and W. Aten seconded a motion to continue the Notice of Intent hearing for Lot 2 Thayer Road until the July 16, 2015 meeting at 8:15 PM pending receipt of the same letter from NHESP mentioned above. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Commission discussed the annual weed treatment for Lake Nipmuc with Lake Residents Tim Tetreault, Kathryn Hackenson, Darlene Pellerise, and Bob Choquette. The Administrative Clerk stated that she has made calls to Lycott Environmental to find out the status of this year's treatment every time she is in the office. She has left several voicemails for Keith Gazelle, whom she has been told is now the point of contact for Mendon. She has not received a response. Chairman D. Tinio said that he would try calling them himself earlier in the day on June 18. He was not present at the meeting to report any feedback. B. Choquette asked who treats the water chestnuts at Inman Pond. The Administrative Clerk will look into this. M.

Ammendolia suggested some research into what state agency issues licenses for herbicide treatment companies. This agency could possibly point the Commission to another company. The Administrative Clerk will research this.

The Commission discussed an anonymous complaint that was received about dumping of yard waste in wetlands at 51 Neck Hill Road. Vice-Chairman P. Coffin will take a look at it and provide feedback.

M. Ammendolia made and W. Aten seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated June 4, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners reviewed two Requests for Jurisdictional Project Determination:

The first was for 22 Park Street for a 16 x 20 porch. The work was determined to have no impact on wetlands. **All members were in agreement for the approval of the Jurisdictional Project Determination for 22 Park Street.**

The second was for 9 Oak Hill Road to replace the existing 14 x 18 deck. 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 Oak Hill Road.**

The Commission reviewed a Request for Variance for 101 Blackstone Street for a wireless communications facility. They noted that any work proposed within 100' of the wetland or 200' of Spring Brook will need to be filed as a Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission. **All members were in agreement.**

M. Ammendolia 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:

Notice of Intent & Order of Conditions for: 6 Nipmuc Drive

Notices of Intent for: Lots 1 & 2 Thayer Road

Jurisdictional Project Determinations for: 22 Park Street & 9 Oak Hill Road

Request for Variance for 101 Blackstone Street

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