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TOWN OF MENDON

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2016

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

Vice-Chairman P. Coffin called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

The Commission discussed a Jurisdictional Project Determination for 38 Bates Street for a two car, 36x26 garage with John Zalenski. M. Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by T. Aicardi, to approve the JPD for 38 Bates Street with conditions that straw wattles be utilized and fill be removed off-site. The motion carried unanimously.

M. Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by T. Aicardi, to accept the meeting minutes of December 10, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed a Request for Certificate of Compliance for Lot 1 Jewell Crossing. The lot has been sodded and seeded. M. Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by T. Aicardi, to issue the Certificate of Compliance for Lot 1 Jewell Crossing. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed a Jurisdictional Project Determination for 3 Cape Road for a new sign. T. Aicardi made a motion, seconded by M. Ammendolia, to approve the JPD for 3 Cape Road. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed an Application for Variance for 36 Taft Avenue. The Commission had no comments as this is not a jurisdictional area.

The Commission opened the public hearing for a Request for Determination of Applicability for 51 Kinsley Lane for a septic repair. Fred Lapham presented the project to the Commission. The work consists of filling in and abandoning leach trenches and installing a tight tank. The work is within the buffer zone to Lake Nipmuc. Straw wattles will be utilized. T. Aicardi made a motion, seconded by M. Ammendolia, to approve the project. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed plans for a proposed solar array at 128 Providence Street. The array is designed to stay out of the wetlands and their buffer zones. John Hodgins of King Philip Path discussed his concerns as an abutter. He said that it falls within Biomap 2, which the Administrative Clerk referred him to the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program for more information. He is unhappy with the location being within a residential area on a picturesque farm. M. Ammendolia suggested a petition to repeal the recently passed solar bylaw. The Commission commented that the town would have the right of first refusal because the property falls under Chapter 61A.

The Commission opened the Notice of Intent hearing continuation for 45 Millville Street for a three bedroom house, garage, and associated utilities. Norman Hill of Land Planning, Inc. presented the project to the Commission. As requested, additional retaining wall will be constructed on the right side of the house and a sump will be utilized when digging the well. The well was moved farther from the wetlands and the erosion control was extended. Vice-Chairman P. Coffin did a site walk after the first meeting and would like to see soil logs for flags 6 and 7 because he saw standing water and tufted plants. Vice-Chairman P. Coffin also asked N. Hill to address the comments provided in DEP's email. N. Hill said he did not see the comments. Upon reading the comments, he said he delineated the wetlands himself in the fall using soils, plants, and depth to groundwater. Due to the request for soil log data, T. Aicardi made a motion, seconded by M. Ammendolia, to continue the public hearing for 45 Millville Street to January 28, 2016 at the applicant's request. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission discussed the Emergency Certification for the Mendon Highway Department to breach three beaver dams that are creating a flooding hazard to nearby roadways. T. Aicardi made a motion, seconded by M. Ammendolia, to issue the Emergency Certification. The motion carried unanimously.

M. Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by T. Aicardi, to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Documents Discussed located in the Conservation Commission Office:

JPDs for 38 Bates Street & 3 Cape Road

December 10, 2015 meeting minutes

Request for Certificate of Compliance & Certificate of Compliance for Lot 1 Jewell Crossing

Application for Variance for 36 Taft Avenue

Request for Determination of Applicability & Determination of Applicability for 51 Kinsley Lane

Plans for proposed solar array at 128 Providence Street

Notice of Intent for 45 Millville Street

Emergency Certification for Mendon Highway Department