

*Damon Tinio, Chairman  
Peter Coffin, Vice Chairman*



*Michael Ammendolia  
William Aten  
Timothy Aicardi*

## **TOWN OF MENDON**

### **Conservation Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2016**

Attending: Damon Tinio, Michael Ammendolia, Timothy Aicardi, Peter Coffin

Chairman D. Tinio called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

T. Aicardi made a motion, seconded by M. Ammendolia, to accept the meeting minutes of February 25, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed a Jurisdictional Project Determination for a 14x22 addition at 36 Taft Ave. The project was found to be non-jurisdictional.

The Commission discussed ATV usage at Meadow Brook Uplands which goes right through a vernal pool. They previously determined that signage is needed to mark out the vernal pool and encourage people to stay out of the area. They determined that they should be 12x12 or 8x12 orange or red signs that read "Caution: Vernal pool. No motorized vehicles. Police take notice." Two will be posted at each open end of the vernal pool. A memo will also be sent to the Board of Selectmen and Public Safety to notify them that the Commission will be posting said signs on town land.

The Commission opened the Notice of Intent hearing continuation for 45 Millville Street for a house and utilities. Norman Hill of Land Planning, Inc. discussed the project with the Commission. He submitted revised plans and a report from Murphy & Associates, whom he hired to verify his wetland line. Murphy & Associates was in agreement with the delineation. Vice-Chairman P. Coffin asked if Murphy & Associates checked for wetland uphill of the existing flags because there is no proof in the report. N. Hill said that he did and that he only verified flags 3 and 8. Vice-Chairman P. Coffin pointed out that DEP recommended a wetland scientist be utilized to review the delineation and N. Hill hired a soil scientist, who did not provide any information about the vegetation. Dorothy Leighton, a resident across the street, said that she consistently has water in her basement and her house is higher than this site. Vice-Chairman P. Coffin said that he found old blue flags on site that seem to follow the true wetland line. N. Hill said he emailed his revised plans and Murphy & Associates report to DEP on March 9, 2016 and has not received feedback. He also presented an alternate plan to the Commission where the proposed house is 20 feet away from the wetland, 500 square feet of wetland will be filled, and 1000 square feet of wetland will be replicated. Vice-Chairman P. Coffin said that the true wetland line needs to be established before continuing and suggested that the Commission hire a consultant to review it. Chairman D. Tinio responded that this is just dragging the process out and wasting more of the applicant's money. Vice-Chairman P. Coffin made a motion, seconded by M. Ammendolia, to hire Desheng Wang to review the wetland line between flags 3 and 8 and continue the hearing, at the applicant's request, to March 24, 2016. T. Aicardi was in agreement. Chairman D. Tinio did not vote.

The Commission opened the Request for Determination of Applicability hearing for 128 Providence Street for three solar arrays. The Commission received a packet of information from Gary Coles of 18 Cemetery Street regarding the project. At the applicant's request, Vice-Chairman P. Coffin made a motion, seconded by T. Aicardi, to continue the hearing for 128 Providence Street to March 24, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

T. Aicardi made a motion, seconded by M. Ammendolia, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Documents Discussed located in the Conservation Commission Office:

February 25, 2016 meeting minutes

JPD for 36 Taft Ave

Notice of Intent for 45 Millville Street

Request for Determination of Applicability for 128 Providence Street & Gary Coles information packet