

*Damon Tinio, Chairman
Peter Coffin, Vice Chairman*



*Michael Ammendolia
William Aten
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TOWN OF MENDON

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2016

Attending: Damon Tinio, Peter Coffin, Michael Ammendolia, William Aten

Chairperson D. Tinio called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

The Commission set the following future meeting dates: May 11 & 26, June 9 & 23, July 14.

Vice-Chairperson P. Coffin made a motion, seconded by W. Aten, to accept the meeting minutes of March 24, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission opened the Request for Determination of Applicability hearing for 128 Providence Street for three solar arrays. The project is proposed outside of resource areas and buffer zones. Erosion control and stormwater structures are proposed. Any removed stumps will be taken off site. A solar farm seed mix will be planted and mowed two or three times a year, as needed. Anne Mazar of 50 Pleasant Street asked if native species can be proposed as screening. Co-Chairperson D. Tinio replied that the choice of screening vegetation is in the Planning Board's jurisdiction. M. Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairperson P. Coffin, to issue a negative determination. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed a Request for Determination of Applicability for intermittent stream status at 101 Blackstone Street. Photos were submitted of the stream being dry for four days in a row in August 2015. A cell tower is proposed within the 200' riverfront area. Vice-Chairperson P. Coffin made a motion, seconded by M. Ammendolia, to issue a negative determination for the work but take no action on changing the stream status. The motion carried unanimously. Fred Lapham of Shea Engineering arrived at 8:23 PM to discuss the project. He explained that future work will be proposed on site, which is why the applicant is seeking to change the stream status. Vice-Chairperson P. Coffin stated that he would like to investigate whether August 2015 is on record as a period of drought with DEP before he takes any action. The Commission continued the discussion to the May 11, 2016 meeting.

The Commission reviewed a letter requesting donation to the Blackstone River Watershed Association. Chairperson D. Tinio said that the Commission does not have any surplus funds in the budget to donate.

The Commission reviewed the Notice of Conversion of Ch. 61A land letter for 67 R Bates Street.

The Commission reviewed a Jurisdictional Project Determination for an addition at 25 Taft Ave. A hay bale plan was provided. Vice-Chairperson P. Coffin made a motion, seconded by M. Ammendolia, to issue a negative determination. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed DEP File #218-279 to see if a garage was proposed at 15 Carpenter Hill Road. A garage was part of the proposed plan, so the Commission concluded that further filing was not necessary for a garage.

The Commission signed an Emergency Certification for Mike Callahan for the National Grid corridor beaver dam breaching.

The Commission spoke to Carl Hommel of 15 Miscoe Road, who was interested in joining the Commission. He will be sending a letter of interest to the Commission and the Board of Selectmen.

The Commission reviewed a Request for Determination of Applicability for a single car garage at 7 Wood Drive and determined that a Notice of Intent will need to be filed.

Chairperson D. Tinio made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairperson P. Coffin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

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Documents Discussed located in the Conservation Commission Office:

March 24, 2016 meeting minutes

Request for Determination of Applicability & Determination of Applicability for 128 Providence Street

Request for Determination of Applicability for 101 Blackstone Street

Notice of Conversion of Ch. 61A land for 67 R Bates Street

JPD for 25 Taft Ave and hay bale plan

DEP File #218-279

Emergency Certification for Mike Callahan

Request for Determination of Applicability for 7 Wood Drive