



MENDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

20 Main Street
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2016

Attending: Damon Tinio, Peter Coffin, Carl Hommel, Michael Ammendolia, William Aten, Pieter de Jong

Chairperson D. Tinio called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

The Commission reviewed Requests for Certificates of Compliance for 52 & 56 Uxbridge Road. Chairperson D. Tinio said that the work was completed and the yards were seeded. W. Aten made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairperson P. Coffin, to issue Certificates of Compliance for 52 & 56 Uxbridge Road. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission discussed 126 North Ave and the possible issue with spreading of horse manure in a resource area. C. Hommel reported that the Animal Control Officer has been to the property and is working out a solution with the owner. Chairperson D. Tinio said that the issue seems to be resolving itself via the Board of Health. C. Hommel told Michael Sabin, an abutter at 4 Davenport Drive, to contact the Commission if this remains an issue.

Vice-Chairperson P. Coffin made a motion, seconded by M. Ammendolia, to accept the meeting minutes of May 26, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed two Jurisdictional Project Determinations. The first was for a deck at 16 Crestview Drive. The second was for an addition at 7 Wood Drive. The Commission determined that there were no impacts to wetlands.

The Commission opened the Notice of Intent hearing for 1, 3, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 Pond Street for single family houses at 7:45 PM. Bob Poxon of Guerriere & Halnon presented the project to the Commission. This is the first flexible development proposed in Mendon including open space. Bob Poxon requested a waiver from the 25 foot no-disturb zone and the 50 foot no-build zone because this development started before the Mendon Wetlands Protection Bylaw was in place. The Commission determined that even though they are new filings, this does not affect the lots' status as to whether the bylaw is applicable or whether they are grandfathered. M. Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairperson P. Coffin, to grant the waiver for all eight lots. The motion carried unanimously. The Commission debated over the ability to set a limit of disturbance in other areas to compensate for the square footage lost from the waiver. M. Ammendolia was strongly opposed to doing so. Chairperson D. Tinio said that that is overthinking it. The Commission discussed the open space which was to be surrounded by a stone wall and mowed every five to seven years when deemed necessary. M. Ammendolia pointed out that the statement on the plans about needing Board of Health approval prior to other activities is false and needs to be removed. Vice-Chairperson P. Coffin made a motion, seconded by M. Ammendolia, to issue Orders of Conditions for 1, 3, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 Pond Street with the following special conditions: a sump will be utilized during excavation of the well and the man-made ditch on lot 1 shall not be disturbed, filled in, or altered without approval from the Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission discussed an anonymous letter that was received regarding breaching of a beaver dam occurring in the Town Forest. Chairperson D. Tinio said that Anne Mazar is looking into the installation of a beaver deceiver.

The Commission decided to send the Board of Selectmen a letter requesting additional funds for the FY17 budget since they appointed two additional members after the budget process was undertaken.

C. Hommel reported that he will be the Commission's representative for the All Boards and Committees meetings.

Vice-Chairperson P. Coffin made a motion, seconded by M. Ammendolia, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. The motion carried unanimously.



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Documents Discussed located in the Conservation Commission Office:

Requests for Certificates of Compliance & Certificates of Compliance for 52 & 56 Uxbridge Road

May 26, 2016 meeting minutes

JPDs for 16 Crestview Dr & 7 Wood Dr

Notices of Intent & Orders of Conditions for 1, 3, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 Pond Street

Anonymous letter regarding beaver dam in Town Forest

Letter to BOS regarding FY17 budget