



MENDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

20 Main Street
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2016

Attending: Damon Tinio, Peter Coffin, Carl Hommel, Pieter de Jong

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

Representatives from Blue Wave Capital presented a future proposal for a solar array system at 30 Cape Road to the Commission. The proposed system is comprised of two arrays that will generate 3 megawatts of power for the grid. Proposed access to the site includes a wetland crossing over an existing culvert that will need to be replaced. Another potential access location would require a variance for the required access road width due to a narrow access area. Blue Wave Capital sought the Commission's guidance before proceeding with a formal filing. After much discussion, Vice-Chairman P. Coffin made a motion, seconded by P. de Jong, that the Commission prefers that Blue Wave Capital explore the potential to receive a variance and use the narrow access area, as it would minimize wetland impacts but the Commission was open to the existing plans involving the wetland crossing, as long as the wetland impacts are minimized to the maximum extent feasible. The motion carried unanimously. The Commission suggested that Blue Wave Capital talk to Public Safety about their road width requirements. The Commission stated that they are open to the potential use of directional drilling at the wetland crossing to minimize impacts. The Commission also stated that they would like to see the extent of necessary clearing minimized and would prefer to have stumps left in place where possible.

The Commission had a follow up discussion about the potential installation of a beaver deceiver in the Town Forest. P. de Jong determined on a site walk that an old grist mill dam was removed, not a beaver dam, and that there was no threat to nearby trees. C. Hommel made a motion, seconded by P. de Jong, to not pursue the installation of a beaver deceiver in this location. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission had a follow up discussion about the Chapter 61A notification letter for 18 & 25 Pleasant Street, the Starrett property. The Commission took no action due to a letter received from Town Counsel stating that the offer was insufficient under Chapter 61A.

Vice-Chairperson P. Coffin made a motion, seconded by C. Hommel, to accept the meeting minutes of August 18, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission approved and signed the following Jurisdictional Project Determinations:

- 5 Bicknell Drive – 20x36 in ground pool
- 29 Millville Road – outdoor staircase
- 25 Millville Road – 12x16 shed

The Commission reviewed a Jurisdictional Project Determination for single family house lots in Cooks Crossing and determined that anything within 100 feet of wetlands needs to be filed through a Request for Determination of Applicability and have associated plans.

The Commission reviewed the following Requests for Certificates of Compliance:

- Vice-Chairperson P. Coffin made a motion, seconded by C. Hommel, to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance for 3 Puffer Drive. The motion carried unanimously.
- Vice-Chairperson P. Coffin made a motion, seconded by C. Hommel, to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 4 Puffer Drive. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairperson P. Coffin made a motion, seconded by P. de Jong, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. The motion carried unanimously.



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Documents Discussed located in the Conservation Commission Office:

Chapter 61A notification letter & Town Counsel letter for 18 & 25 Pleasant Street, the Starrett property

August 18, 2016 meeting minutes

JPDs for: 5 Bicknell Drive, 29 Millville Road, 25 Millville Road, Cooks Crossing

Requests for Certificates of Compliance & Certificates of Compliance for: 3 Puffer Drive (partial), 4 Puffer Drive