

# MENDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## 20 Main Street Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

## Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2017

Members present: Peter Coffin, Tim Aicardi, Mike Ammendolia, Carl Hommel, Pieter deJong

Vice Chair P. Coffin called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

The Commission discussed a Request for Determination of Applicability presented by Karen Keegan of Guaranteed Builders for Lot 1, Providence Rd. Map 12, Parcel 36. Commissioners suggested shifting the boundaries of the project to avoid encroaching into the wetlands buffer zone. Applicant was asked to revise plans to include reduced (3:1) grading, moving the toe of the slope, and suggesting a planting plan. T. Aicardi moved to continue discussion to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by M Ammendolia and carried unanimously.

Resident Jacki Lyons discussed creation of horse paddocks on her recently purchased property at 60 Blackstone St. The Commission recommended Ms. Lyons obtain a copy of as-built plans from Andrews Surveying and communicated she is welcome to make pastures as long as disturbing the wetlands is avoided.

The Commission signed the Certificate of Compliance approved at its meeting on January 12, 2017 for the project at 9 Lovell St.

The Commission resumed its discussion of the request for a Certificate of Compliance for the project at 40 Kinsley Lane. The Commission instructed Bill McHenry to communicate to the applicant that before a Certificate of Compliance can be issued that either sodding work must be completed or the area needs to be otherwise stabilized. P. deJong stated he would inspect the site and update B. McHenry before the applicant is contacted.

#### Note: On 2/6 P. deJong reported back as follows:

Property and new home was in very good shape. Sod was laid in the front, side and back yards; however, it appeared that the property owner just ran out of sod in the back yard, adjacent to a small isolated wetland whose hydrology was tied to seepage from rock outcropping in the back.

Following discussion at the recent Con Com meeting, it was determined that the property owner should stabilize the area without sod and at the start of the spring growing season, either seed or finish applying sod up to the border of the wetland.

In addition, the property owner should remove a small amount of sediment that is partially clogging the small culvert pipe that crosses the parking pad and Kinsley Road, to ensure a consistent flow to adjacent property.

The Commission reviewed plans for sewage disposal system for 8 Puffer Drive. Approval is contingent upon providing an erosion barrier as marked on the revised plans. T. Aicardi made a motion, seconded by P. deJong, for a negative determination. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed plans for sewage disposal system for 5 Puffer Drive.

T. Aicardi made a motion, seconded by M. Ammendolia, to require that the applicant file a Notice of Intent. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed plans for sewage disposal system for 7 Puffer Drive.

M. Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by P. deJong, to require that the applicant file a Notice of Intent. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed plans for sewage disposal system for 9 Puffer Drive.

P. deJong made a motion, seconded by C. Hommel, for a negative determination. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed plans for sewage disposal system for 10 Puffer Drive.

T. Aicardi made a motion, seconded by M. Ammendolia, to require that the applicant file a Notice of Intent. The motion carried unanimously.



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M. Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by P. deJong, to require that the applicant file a Notice of Intent. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed plans for sewage disposal system for 13 Puffer Drive.

T. Aicardi made a motion, seconded by C. Hommel, for a negative determination. The motion carried unanimously.

P. deJong made a motion, seconded by M. Ammendolia to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2017 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission signed the Order of Conditions for 59 Asylum St. that was approved at the January 12, 2017 meeting.

The Commission signed the Order of Conditions for 9 Park St. that was approved at the January 12, 2017 meeting.

The Commission discussed the request from Mendon Highway Department for approval of a WPA Emergency Certification Form to prevent potentially dangerous roadway flooding on George St. C. Hommel made a motion, seconded by T. Aicardi to approve the request, asking that Con Com be notified when the work begins. The motion carried by a majority, with P. deJong, C. Hommel, P. Coffin, and T. Aicardi voting in favor, and M. Ammendolia voting against.

The Conservation office was contacted by an anonymous resident asking whether construction activity she observed near 4 Sandra Circle was approved. T. Aicardi volunteered to inspect the site.

The Conservation office was contacted by an anonymous resident asking whether construction activity he observed near Taylor Rental / 47 Milford St was approved. P. Coffin volunteered to inspect the site.

The Commission discussed appointing an alternate representative to the Land Use Committee since low meeting attendance has made it difficult to assemble a quorum. M. Ammendolia moved to appoint C. Hommel as an alternate representative of the Conservation Commission to the Land Use Committee. P. deJong seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Commission resumed discussion of the FY18 Con Com budget. B. McHenry was asked to contact the Town Administrator and the Finance Committee to arrange a joint meeting to review the FY18 budget. Commissioners are concerned that the FY18 budget is insufficient. B. McHenry was asked to bring copy of FY18 draft budget to the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

M. Ammendolia moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 PM. P. Coffin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Minutes compiled by B. McHenry, Administrative Assistant

Documents Discussed located in the Conservation Commission Office:

NOI for 59 Asylum St. (DEP 218-0758) NOI for 9 Park St. (DEP 218-0759) OOC for 40 Kinsley Lane OOC and COC for 9 Lovell St. (DEP 218-0453) January 12, 2017 meeting minutes WPA Emergency Certification Form (Highway Dept.)

FY18 Con Com draft budget