

Gary Smith, Chairman
Mike Ammendolia
Bill Aten



Harry Stewart
Peter Coffin
Damon Tinio
Andrew Bradley

TOWN OF MENDON

Conservation Commission
Mendon Town Hall
20 Main Street
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Minutes of the Conservation Commission Meeting March 14, 2002

Attending: Gary Smith, Harry Stewart, Mike Ammendolia, Peter Coffin, Andrew Bradley
Absent: Damon Tinio, Bill Aten

7:25 Meeting called to order

7:30 Public Hearing Continuation - Lot 2 Asylum Street

Adjustments made to house in order that machines can pass safely in between site work and hay bales (10 foot area). Silt fence and hay bales will be properly installed, double hay bales and silt fence around back and side of house. Motion to accept by Gary, seconded by Mike, all in favor, motion passed.

7:35 Discussion - Lot 56 Blackstone Street

Kip Dirazonian purchased Lot 56 from LRC Development with the knowledge that there was an existing Order of Conditions. The Lot is still under a prior Cease and Desist Order (LRC Dev was the owner at that time). Mr. Dirazonian would like the Cease and Desist Order taken off of his property since he feels the contamination at the other Blackstone Street Lots (abutting his property) have not affected his Lot. He knowingly purchased the Lot with an existing Order of Conditions that was not met. Conservation flags are still up behind Lot 46. Mike Ammendolia expressed concerns about the Wetlands and the Enforcement Order on said Lots. Bob Duff found no evidence of a landfill on Lot 56. Gary Smith wishes not to release any of the Lots from the Cease and Desist due to the Loam Issue. It is unclear at this time if this lot is clear of any contaminated soil. Mike Ammendolia wants to see replication completed. Mike Ammendolia, Andrew Bradley, and Harry Stewart will conduct a site walk on Saturday, March 16 at 10 a.m. to verify replication of the wetlands. This walk was okay'd by Mr. Dirazonian. Mike will take the blueprints. Tighe and Bond will do any further testing. LRC Development was specifically told not to sell any of the Blackstone Street Lots due to the Loam Issue. Currently, no dwelling exists on this lot. Bob Duff believes that the driveway is installed properly. Harry Stewart suggests "why take a chance" with what LRC Dev. Has done with any of the Lots. The Conservation Commission is going to test all property prior to taking any action.

7:50 Public Hearing Continuation - Strawberry Hill Estates - Scott Smyers of Oxbow Assoc representing.. Oxbow has filed an abbreviated Notice of Intent for a residential area. They have delineated wetland boundaries, made conditions per Orders issued by the Commission. They presented the proposed road and drainage for 4 house lots - no definitive plan for the houses has been completed yet. This project has not yet been approved by the Planning Board, however, Mr. Smyers feels it should go through with some small adjustments. The plans currently include: Dry

hydrants (sub-surface fiber tank filled with water by the developer) and a 10' wide easement for the road. Gary Smith has issues with Mr. Smyers not providing a definitive plan for the road yet. Mr. Smyers explained they have been working with the Planning Board, although the Planning Board has not yet approved the road. Vincent Road (the road that Strawberry Estates will be off of) has still not been accepted. The remainder of all work done will be outside of the 100' buffer zone. Mr. Smyers explained the Storm Water Management Plan - it will tie into Vincent Road. Mr. Smyers believes there is sufficient capacity for Vincent Road to support the Storm Water Run Off. Joseph Cronin of Vincent Road expressed concerns that if the basins are sized properly for the 100 year Flood Plan on Vincent Road and that they are having so many problems with the system, how can they justify tying in Strawberry Hill Estates? Bob Duff added that the basins designed have the flow historically go down the street. The basins are designed to pick flow up already. Now they have detention areas and that Strawberry Hill was accounted for prior to Storm Water Management completion. Mike Ammendolia asked: What is the balance if problems occur? Spills run over into rip-rap spillway and cause sheet flow down the street. Anything that spills out of the detention area will be after the ground is saturated, therefore sheet flow will eventually end up in the wetlands (from the detention basins). Mr. Smyers believes the spill way would be worse without the tie in.

Alan Tetreault of the Highway Department added that when water comes down Vincent Road, the basins are not sufficient and this is causing a mess on Providence Street.

Mrs. Ablondi, of Vincent Road, stated that in a decent rain period, the water flows like rivers going down the road. She ends up with a large detention pond in her back yard. The other basin has problems - is added water going to cause more problems? Bob Duff stated that if adjustments are made, it should be okay. The majority of water goes into the basin behind Lot 8. Gary Smith feels the Providence Road issue (water) is that the drainage that goes to the lower part of the street is inadequate, is the same criteria for the first basin(s) going to be used for this drainage system? If so, how can residents be assured of proper drainage? Conservation flags are still up and a site walk will be done after the center line is staked. Jackie Barry, also of Vincent Road, stated she feels the ultimate intent is not to just add 4 houses, but to have many large lots that are contiguous. The Planning Board is taking this information into consideration and the residents would like to extend this information to this Commission. Lot markers are already in place. A site walk is planned for Saturday, March 16 at 11 a.m. Due to having no definitive plan, Harry Stewart made a motion to not act upon anything until the approval of the Planning Board, a site walk has been completed, and the road is staked. Mike Ammendolia seconds, all in favor, motion passed. The center lines will be staked and the lot lines will be staked prior to the Conservation Commission visit. Location of the detention basin, out flow and inflow will be determined. Some testing may be done - no stumpng/grubbing has been done. This hearing is continued to Thursday, March 28, 2002 at 7:45 p.m.

8:20 LRC - Discussion - no LRC representative present

Last week LRC allowed access to the property in conjunction with the Board of Health. What is suspected to be a demolished house was uncovered and through verification of testing contaminants will be determined. When a house is demolished, you must meet a criteria on the Demolition Permit and provide where the house is disposed of and how. No disposal records are on file at the Upton Town Hall (the house was located at 83 Crockett Road, Upton). The DEP refused to help/cooperate with testimony from only one witness. After the alleged house was unearthed, they still refused to step in on behalf of the town. Tighe and Bond was called in (they handled the previous violation) and took samples of the small area that was dug up.

Bob Klein, Chairman of the Board of Health, is willing to work together with the Conservation Commission in this potential contamination. Mr. Klein offered that he and the Board of Health told LRC Development and their Lawyer, John Powers, that "if nothing is found, we will request no further testing, if something is found, they will do extensive testing". Asbestos was found in the

small area dug - this site is within the buffer zone. More testing is to be done and the Board of Health will pick up where the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction ends. This is hazardous and illegal dumping. Currently, we pay for any bills received, then get reimbursed by the company. Placing a lien against the property is being pursued through town council in case of default by LRC Development. The Loam Issue has not yet been addressed - at the request of LRC to keep the issues separate.

Lt. Ernie Horn stated the Mendon Police Department would aid the Conservation Commission in this matter. Lt. Horn further stated that per Chapter 270, it is a crime to "dump" any type of material within 20 yards of wetlands or a public road. The police can intervene and a search warrant can be executed. These actions are prosecutable for up to a \$3,000.00 fine for the first offense and \$10,000.00 for each additional offense. They also have the power to cease any equipment used during dumping. A \$500.00 reward can be sought for any informant with proven information. This informant then becomes a witness for the Commonwealth. Lt. Horn has discussed this matter with the Clerk of Courts who feels there is enough evidence to get a criminal search warrant. Specific rules must be met: Tighe & Bond will do testing, the police department will collect their own samples and have them analyzed at the State Police lab, they will survey the crime scene, put together a presentation and present it to the Commission, conduct a complete investigation including interviews. The District Attorney will oversee any criminal charges. If this is not a criminal investigation, the Mendon Police will still complete an investigation and turn it over to the Commission.

Bob Klein added that they need to identify the scope of the problem, and test the ground water due to any contaminants entering the ground water supply. 2-3 wells have already been drilled in the area. If there is prosecution, the Commission will be able to have input as to how the matter will be handled. There must be proof beyond a reasonable doubt to prosecute.

Mike Ammendolia asked if we have formally asked the Mendon Police for their assistance in this matter. Lt. Horn stated that they would need a letter from the Conservation Commission formally requesting they aid in this matter with the site specified.

Bob Klein indicated LRC stated they have weight receipts for the debris from 83 Crockett Road, Upton (stated by Atty. Powers to him). The Mendon Police will investigate any and all matters related to the illegal dumping on Blackstone Street.

Mike Ammendolia made a motion to put a letter together asking the Mendon Police Department for any and all aid they can supply to resolve this matter. Motion seconded by Peter Coffin, all in favor, motion passed.

Lt. Horn stated they will aggressively pursue this investigation. Gary Smith thanked him for his help. Gary Smith added the Commission will aggressively pursue the lack of involvement by the DEP. Residents are interested in how they may aid the Conservation Commission. Chairman Smith suggested they write either Representative Parente or Moore with any concerns.

Concerns arose in regard to LRC Development's trucks being housed at Drapers in Hopedale and what could potentially be trucked out of there. Tighe and Bond will test the soil and water at the Lots on Blackstone Street, LRC's representative, North Country, will oversee the testing. Bob Klein has requested that the Board of Health be CC'd on all data. Lt. Horn stated that no one is to go back to the property until the Mendon Police Department is contacted and prepared to act in a lawful way. The following will be the steps followed: a search warrant will be obtained, the Mendon P.D. will act on the warrant, the Mendon P.D. will video and photograph any evidence, samples will be taken and tested at the State Police Labs.

Mike Zyllick of the DEP will be contacted to coordinate time with Lt. Horn for this investigation. At present, there are two existing Enforcement Orders on Lots 46-56 Blackstone Street: 1. contamination within the buffer zone and 2. activity within a wetland/buffer zone. The Cease and Desist Order is still in affect, therefore Mendon Police will take action on any person or persons who act against it. The site walk scheduled for Lot 56 was approved by Lt. Horn as long as the area is not disturbed and any findings are reported to the Mendon Police Department to be acted upon.

The Mendon Police Department will use Gary Smith and Harry Stewart as contact persons on the Conservation Commission and will use Bob Klein as the contact person for the Board of Health if necessary. Lt. Horn requested Harry Stewart contact the informant, Monte Capehart, and set up a meeting with the two of them.

9:20 - Discussion of the ConCom Clerk's hours and wages brought up by Harry Stewart. Mr. Stewart feels there are not enough hours allotted for the clerk for the amount of work necessary to maintain the position properly. Mr. Stewart suggested contacting the Board of Selectmen in regard to this matter and ask for the increase - which will create a full time position for the ConCom and Parks Clerk - and would like to offer 1/2 of the benefits cost be paid out of the ConCom Special Revenue Fund. All members agreed and Gary Smith, Harry Stewart and Mike Ammendolia will get on the next agenda and go before the Selectmen with this request. The clerk will take over some of the administrative duties currently done by Bob Duff i.e.: billing and Certificate of Compliances, Orders of Conditions, etc... The Commission would like to review the fees and structure.

9:30 - Other business: Motion for a 2 year extension for Blackbrook was granted and signed, however, if nothing has been done on this property in 2 years, the site will need to be re-looked at due to environmental changes.

A letter of complaint about Powers Oil on Powers Road is up hill from the Wetlands area and is a residential zoned area. The letter stated that business is being conducted on the property and that the oil trucks for the company are housed on the property. The trucks are said to contain approximately 3,000 gallons of oil each.

9:40 - Motion to adjourn made by Peter, seconded by Mike Ammendolia, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie LaFlamme

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April 25, 2002
Meeting Minutes

Attending: Mike Ammendolia, Peter Coffin, Andrew Bradley, Damon Tinio
Absent: Gary Smith, Bill Aten

7:15 – Mike Ammendolia assumed the Chairmanship in the absence of the Chairman. Mike announced the resignation of Harry Stewart from the Commission due to personal reasons.

7:20 – Lot 26, 4 Butler Road – Sherry Costa requesting a Certificate or Partial Certificate of Compliance. The Commission reviewed the NOI and assessed that a site walk would be necessary. They will do the site walk on Saturday, April 27, 2002 and if there are no problems, they will sign off on the Certificate of Compliance at the next meeting. Bob Duff will call Attorney John White if there are any problems with the site walk.

7:30 – Lisa Boynick – 28 Wood Drive (DEP # 218-337) questioned why she does not have a Certificate of Compliance at the Registry. They are in the process of selling their home and need a Certificate of Compliance to complete the sale. The Commission stated that this is a typical example of the developer not recording the Order of Conditions and getting a Certificate of Compliance. Damon Tinio made a motion to write a Certificate of Compliance, Peter Coffin seconded, all in favor, motion passed. Lisa asked us to call if any problems arise at 508-478-5759.

7:40 – Clough School – Ben Gary representing along with Ann Farrell of Mendon. A Notice of Intent was filed for the school and play area. The play area is depressed – they propose to correct the depression area and fill it in. The run off will remain the same from the roof and paving. The water will go into underground recharge chambers. The chambers must be cleaned out on a regular basis which the School District is responsible for. The chambers are 16' X 10' X 6' with 4' sumps in the catch basins. The water table is 6' in the field and the bottom of the structures are about 1 foot into the water table. Mike Ammendolia expressed concerns of flotation, pumping the hole and what to do with the water that is being pumped out during construction? Bob Duff stated his records show ground water at 2-3 feet. Mike would also like to know the construction methods due to the water table. Do they plan to dig a bigger hole? What about the detention area, hay bales, etc...? Mike's concerns are that the water being pumped out not get into the wetlands. Peter Coffin asked if they had an overflow pipe if the system backs up. Ben Gary stated they planned for the 5 and 10-year flood, but not the 100-year flood – this system probably could not handle that situation. The Point Source Direct Discharge should be 10-15 feet from the wetlands.

Final testing of the site did not meet the Title 5 Codes on the property, therefore the idea of Town Sewerage arose. Town owned property would be used for the perk testing and the property behind the Highway Barn perked the best out of the sites available. The proposed septic system will be tucked in the corner of the lot by the property line with the Senior Center so as not to hinder the day-to-day operations of the Highway Department. Hay bales and silt fencing to protect the wetlands near by will be properly put in place, and they will loam and seed the area after the leach field is put in. From the Clough School to the Highway Barn, there is approximately a 200' drop in elevation. The route of the septic piping is as follows: Clough School is the beginning point, then down to Main Street, Providence Street and leaching out at the Highway Barn. There will be various road crossings along the route to avoid being on the same side as the power lines. Presently, there are no other underground water or sewer lines in use. Directional drilling was chosen to get the pipes in the ground with a clean out every 300' (to access the pipes if clogged). The piping they will use is not designed to hook anyone else up to it (residences). The

Directional Drilling will save approximately ½ the cost and all of the aggravation of digging up the road to lay piping. Special planning was made to potentially hook up the Town Hall, Police and Fire Departments. The system will pass wetlands at Willow Brook and another stream. The machine can go over, under and around areas that it cannot go through. They will go under the brooks. When the new school is completed, they will use this system for drilling and pipe only—the cost is approximately \$350,000.00 which does not include the septic tank and leach field. The system works on gravity pulling the waste along. There will be a grinder pump at the school to allow only liquids to go through the pipes. The diameter of the pipe is 4” from start to finish and will be under the shoulder of the road. They will work directly with the Highway Surveyor during the process. All piping will stay on the opposite side of the road as the utility poles. Mike Ammendolia would like to review the plans and continue the hearing to the next meeting – scheduling for extra time so as not to rush or hold anyone else up. Mike would also like more information about the construction methods. They would like to begin construction within 5-6 weeks. All costs incurred will be paid by the DOE and/or the School District—not out of Town funds. Ann Farrell stated they will not come back to the Town for a cent. The hearing is continued to May 16th at 7:30 p.m.

8:20 – Public Hearing Continued for 79 Park Street

Peter Coffin expressed concerns about the replication area. The removal and repair of the wetlands and replication needs to be done at the same time, therefore he would like it stated in the Order of Conditions. The Replication must be completed first. Mike Ammendolia made a motion to accept the plan as presented with the Order of Conditions. Peter Coffin seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

8:25 – 8 Rod Road Lots 15, 16, 23, & 24 Request for Determination – No Wetlands Impact – Mike signed off

8:30 – Strawberry Hill Estates – Scott Smyers of Oxbow Associates representing.

Joe Cronin (Abutter) would like to know why the Conservation Commission is hearing this if they were turned down by the Planning Board. Bob Duff explained that since a Notice of Intent was filed, regardless of action taken by any other board, the Conservation Commission must hold the hearing. The ConCom can give an Order of Conditions for the property, but the road cannot be built until it is passed through the Planning Board.

Scott Smyers pointed out that last time he was before the ConCom, they requested three specific issues be addressed:

1. Additional limits of the detention basin be staked – they did that
2. Reviewing station 4 + 00 along the easement for wetland evaluation – completed, no impact
3. Proposed upgrade of the detention basin – the applicant is willing to add features to that particular basin. They would like that added to the Order of Conditions if one is granted.

Mike Ammendolia stated he has been up there looking into the property and his question is that if the Planning Board is not allowing any work done within their jurisdiction, why should the ConCom go forward? Mike also stated that the action of the ConCom does not supercede or override the actions of the Planning Board. Peter Coffin stated there may be issues with the Cul-de-sac coming onto an existing road that is not town accepted at this time. Also he feels there may be problems with the drainage onto Providence Street. Scott replied stating the upgrade should help with the drainage issues.

Andrew made a motion to write the Order of Conditions contingent on the Planning Board’s approval, Damon seconded, all in favor, motion passed. The ConCom needs a revision date, the Order of Conditions will be prepared and signed at the next meeting.

9:00 – Board voted to go into Executive Session with Town Counsel. Roll call vote: Peter Coffin, Damon Tinio, Andrew Bradley, Acting Chairman Mike Ammendolia all stated their name and “aye”. The open meeting will reconvene after Executive Session.

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Conservation Commission Meeting 09/12/02 Minutes

Attending: Gary Smith, Tim Aicardi, Andrew Bradley, Peter Coffin
Absent: Bill Aten, Damon Tinio

7:30 – 74 Blackstone Street – extension on Order of Conditions granted from 18 months

7:35 – NOI 76 Inman Hill Road & Vincent Road (Bridalwood Subdivision) – Mujeeb presenting
Mujeeb stated and supplied a letter from his engineer that the engineer is ill and would like to postpone the hearing until the next meeting. The board would like to schedule a site walk and re-schedule the hearing. It was noted that the ZBA denied the plans, however, Mujeeb wants to continue with the process of approval for his 20-lot project. He has filed for the whole site. The ZBA discussion included Conservation issues. Carol Ablondi (abutter) indicated that a letter was sent to Mujeeb with references to these issues. The Conservation Commission did not receive a copy of this letter. Leslie is to contact the ZBA to get a copy of the letter and minutes to create a history for the board. The Conservation Commission would like to review the plans prior to doing a site walk. Mujeeb stated all homes would be single family with some being allotted affordable housing. Mike Ammendolia made a motion to continue the hearing until 9/26/02 at 8 p.m., Tim seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

8:00 – Certificates of Compliance issued to 21 Milford Street (Zook) and 39 Vincent Road (Miranda)

8:05 – Jim McCarthy, Licensed Arborist – Presentation to Log the Town Forest
The Town Forest was logged approximately 18-20 years ago. The last time it was logged, the Town hired an agent to mark the trees to come down, and then hired another person to cut and remove the trees. Mr. McCarthy stated the DEM oversees his work and that he would prefer to mark and cut the trees. The DEM will monitor his work prior to, during, and after the cutting is complete. Peter stated he would like to see a plan for the forest. He voiced concerns about the environment, water quality and wildlife habitat. Mr. McCarthy stated that currently the area is overgrown which would help the environment and wildlife if it were thinned out and that there would be a sizeable profit for the Town from the logging.

Mr. McCarthy would hire a consulting Forester to come in and mark the trees. This person would be working for him. The State Forester, Richard Johnson, would oversee the entire project. Mr. Blaine Hawks, former Conservation Commission member, supported Mr. McCarthy and suggested the board contact the New England Forestry Foundation. They would cost the Town approximately \$1,500.00 to

plan and flag the property, but would act for the Town vs. the cutter. Mr. Hawks stated the last time the Town Forest was cut; the Town profited approximately \$35,000.00.

Mike Ammendolia made the following comments:

1. He agrees the Town Forest needs attention
2. He has concerns the work is done professionally
3. He has concerns the wildlife, water and wetlands are protected
4. He agrees the income would be beneficial

Mike also expressed he would like to see a Forestry Plan for the whole Town to use.

Jim McCarthy stated that typically, the cutter comes up with a figure by the board foot to be paid, then pays a portion of that up front. What he would rather do is pay the Town by the load. He feels this is more of an honest way of dealing.

Andrew would like to have a list of references. Blaine Hawks offered to walk the Town Forest property with Jim McCarthy.

Tim Aicardi made a motion to have the forest harvested, Peter seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Tim Aicardi made a motion to allow Jim McCarthy to have the cutting plan made, subject to Conservation Commission review, seconded by Peter, all in favor.

Jim's company name is AAA-1 Logging and Firewood and he can be reached at 508-865-6411. Jim will attend the next meeting on 9/26/02 at 8:30 p.m. to update the Board.

Mike would like a letter drafted to the Board of Selectmen and CC'd to Ann Mazar of the Land use Committee with regard to the Forestry Study. Leslie will draft and e-mail to Mike to fine tune and present to the Board at the next meeting.

8:45 – Bob Klein would like to revisit the use of Conservation Land as Passive Recreation.

Bob cited the Conservation Handbook page 42 which states bike riding is allowed as passive recreation on Conservation Land. The Board expressed the following concerns:

1. Do bike riders discourage walkers?
2. Will erosion be a problem?
3. Is there a liability factor?

After discussion, Mike Ammendolia made a motion to rescind the Board's previous decision and vote to allow bikes to use the Conservation Land at Memorial Park as passive recreation, seconded by Tim Aicardi, all in favor, motion passed.

9:15 – Blackstone Street update

Work is being done against the wishes of this Board. No one stopped the work that was happening. The only work that should be done on site is clean up according to the Cease and Desist Order. Gary Smith stated that materials were taken off the site without prior approval from any committee. Bob Duff stated he spoke with Phil Flaherty, an abutter, and tried to contact Mike Zyllick of Tighe and Bonde for an update. Bob Klein stated that concerns of truck traffic in and out of the site were brought to the Board of Health and that Friday, August 16, 2002 was the date that he was given as the last date the contaminated materials were hauled off site.

Bob Klein also stated that he felt building stonewalls; landscaping and grading were not part of the clean up and should not have been done. Tighe and Bond stated to Bob that more monitoring wells were needed as well as other items needing attention. They will have a final report along with recommendations shortly.

Gary Smith commented that it appeared no clean up was done in front of the house even though there were contaminants found in the landscaping.

Leslie is to ask Peg Tetreault for copies of reports from Goldmen (LRC's LSP). The Board of Health has not yet received any reports from the DEP to date according to Bob Klein.

9:45 – Tim would like to see residents asking for Certificates of Compliance in a more formal way. We will begin having residents fill out a WPA Form 8A (Request for Certificate of Compliance). Doing this will aid Leslie in researching the DEP #'s and property addresses.

9:50 – Lot 3 West Hill Road – Kip Dirazonian left a message stating the replication area is complete and that Bob Duff has been to the property and ok'd the work.

9:55 – Leslie it to call Shea Engineering in regard to the emergency well on Uxbridge Road to find out where the paperwork is.

10:10 – Motion to adjourn, all in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

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September 26, 2002

Attending: Mike Ammendolia, Peter Coffin, Damon Tinio, Tim Aicardi
Absent: Gary Smith, Andrew Bradley, Bill Aten

7:20 – Meeting called to order

7:25 Motion to nominate Mike Ammendolia as Vice Chairman of the ConCom made by Peter Coffin, seconded by Tim Aicardi, all in favor, motion passed.

7:30 – Franny Irons – would like to voice concerns in regard to gray water being dumped on town owned property (school leach field). Mr. Irons gave the board a brief history of the involvement of the ConCom in the finding of the groundwater in a huge aquifer near the Highway Barn. The quality and quantity of the water in the aquifer is extremely high and feels the run off will cause contamination. Dumping 9,000+ gallons per day of water will pollute the wells south of the aquifer according to Mr. Irons. Mr. Irons also stated Cullinan Engineering is well aware of the aquifer and disregarded it. Mr. Irons suggested other options be looked at such as a mini water treatment plant for pollution control. Mr. Irons has already spoken with the Board of Health and us, he will now go to the Board of Selectmen and the state if necessary. Mr. Irons will keep the Conservation Commission informed of any developments.

7:50 – NOI – 14 Lovell Street – Representation absent

The Commissioners reviewed the plans and decided to take no action due to the applicant or representative being absent. Leslie is to contact them and schedule them for the next meeting. Motion to continue the hearing to the next meeting made by Tim, seconded by Damon, all in favor, motion passed.

8:00 – Bridalwood Development – Andrew Liston presenting along with property owner, Mujeeb
Review of plans. Limited access to a public way for the development is a problem due to the access being in the wetlands. They propose to put retention walls, only one sidewalk and limited roadway (narrower than usual) to help defer more than necessary work be done.

This project was denied by ZBA. Mr. Liston would like the Commission to review this project independent of any other hearing. The Conservation Commission would like to try to find an alternate place to cross the BVW and rivers due to so many disturbances. Mr. Liston stated the sequence plan will be putting the hay bales and sediment fence in place, mobilize the area, put the retaining walls in

(reinforced poured concrete), put in utilities and fill lines in, take care of erosion control, and put the roadway in which is proposed to be approximately 33' wide with the retaining walls.

The plan calls for a common septic system for approximately 20 houses and the leach field will be 28 lines, 100' long with reserve between each line. The Board of Health has not yet approved this plan. There are two 18,000-gallon septic tanks and one pump chamber, which will be maintained by contract with the homeowner's association.

The property is flagged with numbered flags. Mike Ammendolia would like the center of the road staked and the entrance to the road staked prior to their site walk. He would additionally like to see the corners of the leach field grading staked.

Mr. Liston stated the NOI is for one Order of Conditions for all houses, the roadway and septic. Mike Ammendolia commented the ConCom doesn't work that way. Mr. Liston stated this will be a private road with a Homeowner's Association, therefore, they feel one Order of Conditions for all houses built is better. They will ask for partial releases for each house.

Mr. Ammendolia would like to know how they plan to build. Mr. Liston stated the following will be the sequence of events: cut trees, rough road, utilities, pave with binder, and build houses as the money comes in or they may choose a few lots to put foundations on. The construction sequence is in the plans. Dave Babcock (currently completing the Babe Ruth Ball Field) will be the contractor constructing the road. All water and sewer lines will be underground. Damon Tinio stated concerns that the pipe will back up some time in the distant future and become a problem for others in the area. If the pipes and septic are not properly maintained, there could be repercussions for residents on Vincent Road.

Mr. Ammendolia would like to set up a site walk for a Saturday or Sunday morning. Mr. Liston stated they are not quite ready for a site walk and he will contact Leslie when they are ready. Mr. Ammendolia feels it may be beneficial to wait until the leaves drop (to see the area better) to complete a site walk. Mr. Liston would like it to be sooner. Mr. Ammendolia suggested the third week of October.

Motion to continue the Public Hearing to Thursday, October 24, 2002 at 8 p.m. made by Peter, seconded by Damon, all in favor, motion passed.

The proposed site walk will be tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 20, 2002.

9:05 – Forestry Plan – Jim McCarthy, John Clarke

Mr. McCarthy found the original cutting plan from 1985. He walked the site and felt there was enough wood available for harvesting. John Clarke will do a site walk and mark the timber keeping long-term management in mind. He would put together a cutting plan and file with us for review, then the state. Mr. McCarthy would employ Mr. Clarke.

Mr. Ammendolia, after reviewing the prior meeting's minutes, responded that they had discussed a Forestry Management Plan as opposed to a cutting plan alone. Peter Coffin agreed that we must have a Management Plan in place to "keep our ducks in a row" especially when presenting to the Townspeople, Selectmen, and Finance Committee. All literature and reports need to be professional and complete.

Mr. Clarke recently completed a plan for the Town of Upton (Stewardship Plan) for a 310-acre parcel of land. Their approximate cost was \$2,000.00. Mendon's parcel is approximately 130 acres.

Mr. McCarthy would like to get moving on this project. He would like to begin work the first week of November. He suggested having Mr. Clarke start work in October so he will be complete by November. Mr. McCarthy stated he felt the Management and Cutting Plans can be completed at the same time. Mr. Clarke stated he would like to work for the Town and come up with a Management Plan. Mr. Clarke will submit a resume, estimate, and copy of Upton's Management Plan.

Mr. Coffin stated he would feel more comfortable if the Management Plan was done first, and then proceed with work. Mr. McCarthy stated he needs to know right now if he has the job or not. Mr. Ammendolia reminded Mr. McCarthy he came to the Town with this offer and that he is dealing with a municipality, not a private owner. We must do this properly and have all our ducks in order to go to the Selectmen and Finance Committee.

Mr. Clarke stated a cutting plan contains the following: Volumes of timber (firewood, saw or pulp), species, maps, types of cut, and intentions.

Mr. McCarthy believes there is approximately 100,000 board feet of timber and 500n cords of firewood in the Forest, which translates into approximately \$20,000 for the Town. Mr. Clarke added that if it is done correctly, it can be done again and again and create an income for the Town while maintaining the Forest.

The Commissioners would like a copy of Mr. McCarthy's license on file. Mr. Clarke stated he has just finished school and does not yet have a license, however a licensed forester oversees his work.

10:15 – Motion to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie LaFlamme

*Gary Smith, Chairman
Mike Ammendolia
Bill Aten*



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TOWN OF MENDON

**Conservation Commission
Mendon Town Hall
20 Main Street
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756**

October 10, 2002 Meeting

Attending: Gary Smith, Tim Aicardi, Andrew Bradley, Mike Ammendolia, Peter Coffin, Damon Tinio
Absent: Bill Aten

7:15 – Meeting brought to order and minutes from the last meeting were approved.

7:20 – Certificate of Compliance requested for 29 Hopedale Street by Louis Cheschi
Discussion of property, Damon completed a site walk on 10/09/02. Motion to grant the Certificate of Compliance made by Damon, seconded by Tim, all in favor, motion passed.

7:30 – Presentation by Gary Goldrup of New England Forestry Consultants
Presentation with regard to the Town Forest Management Plan. The Management Plan is put in place to achieve the goals and objectives of the landowner. Prior to putting together a Management Plan, the landowner must define what their specific goals and objectives are. Mr. Goldrup supplied copies of the Lunenburg Forestry Management Plan completed in the Town of Lunenburg recently on 119 acres. Mr. Goldrup stated the approximate cost would be \$2300.00 for him to draw up the plan. Mr. Goldrup suggested the Commission contact Susan Campbell with regard to obtaining grants. He will call Leslie with her phone number.

Motion to get a proposal from Mr. Goldrup made by Andrew, seconded by Mike, all in favor, motion passed.

Mr. Goldrup wanted to make it clear that he would be working on behalf of the Town, not the cutter. He also stated he would like to educate the public during this process.

7:55 – 14 Lovell Street – NOI – Paul DeSimone presenting.

Review of plans by Commission. Abutter, Steven Webber of 16 Lovell Street, expressed his concerns to the board as follows: there is an 8" drain pipe running under ground from the man-made pond onto his property and he believes there are cracks in it, sum pumps are put in the pond each season, and there may be live wires connected via underground conduit on the property that are not on any plans. The property was originally one house lot but was divided and sold by the previous owner.

Mike asked about the flagging due to the date on the plans being from 1993. Mr. DeSimone stated he would have the property re-flagged and contact Bob Duff for a site walk.

8:15 – Jim McCarthy and John Clarke – Forestry Management Plan for the Town Forest

Mr. McCarthy stated he can no longer wait for this board to decide what they will be doing at the Town Forest. Mike reminded Mr. McCarthy that he must keep in mind that he is dealing with a municipality and that they are agents for the townspeople, therefore, they will not act without following proper procedure.

Mr. Clarke noted that since the last time he was before the board, he has joined another company called Bay State Forestry. He stated he would be working as an agent for the town and not for the cutter.

Mr. McCarthy will meet with the board at the next meeting and will bring his certificates of liability and a copy of his harvesting license.

Peter Coffin stated the Board would have its decision by the next meeting with regard to the Town Forest.

Jim stated he would like a phone call if there are any problems. He can be reached at 508-865-6411.

8:55 – Review of ConCom letter to the Board of Selectmen – revision to a memo format. Gary will review the letter as soon as it is completed and Leslie will send it.

Motion to authorize the Lassard Company to apply remedial additive within 50 feet of a surface water body made by Peter, seconded by Mike, all in favor, motion passed. Leslie to type the letter and send as soon as possible.

9:30 – Motion to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie LaFlamme

*Gary Smith, Chairman
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TOWN OF MENDON

**Conservation Commission
Mendon Town Hall
20 Main Street
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Meeting Minutes Thursday, November 7, 2002

Attending: Gary Smith, Peter Coffin, Tim Aicardi, Damon Tinio
Absent: Andrew Bradley, Mike Ammendolia, Bill Aten

7:40 – 89 Hartford Ave – NOI – Joyce Gilmore, Shea Engineering presenting
Request to repair an existing septic system. Peter had concerns about the run off if it were a new septic.
Review of plans. Motion to accept plans as presented by Tim, seconded by Damon, all in favor, motion passed.

7:45 – 14 Lovell Street – continuation
Re-flagging of the wetlands was completed. Review of plans. Additional conditions to be applied to this property: double row of hay bales from flags 3 to 9; single row everywhere else; surround well with hay bales in addition to the sump

Motion to accept plans as presented by Damon, seconded by Tim, all in favor, motion passed.

7:50- Peter Coffin disclosed he may have a potential conflict and will abstain from voting. Due to time restraints and a lack of a quorum at the last, current and next meetings, Peg Tetreault was contacted for consultation in regard to the unusual circumstance. Peg stated that due to the situation being atypical, she suggests that as long as Mr. Coffin verbalizes his involvement in the project(s) and no one objects to his voting, that he will sit in on the hearings to maintain a quorum.

Mr. Coffin stated his wife, Julie Noonan, is involved in the potential sale and income of properties located on Park Street. No audience or board member objected to Mr. Coffin remaining as a voting member for the hearings.

At this time, it was also decided that due to Bill Aten's lack of involvement and attendance to ConCom meetings, that a letter would be drafted and sent asking for his resignation or participation.

8:20 – 89 Park Street – NOI – Joyce Gilmore of Shea Engineering presenting
Review of plans. Motion to accept plans as presented made by Tim Aicardi, seconded by Damon Tinio, all in favor, motion passed.

8:22 – 91 Park Street – NOI – Joyce Gilmore of Shea Engineering presenting
Review of plans. Motion to accept plans as presented made by Damon Tinio, seconded by Tim Aicardi,
all in favor, motion passed

8:24 – 87 Park Street – NOI – Joyce Gilmore of Shea Engineering presenting
Review of plans. Motion to accept plans as presented made by Tim Aicardi, seconded by Damon Tinio,
all in favor, motion passed

8:26 – 87A Park Street – NOI - Joyce Gilmore of Shea Engineering presenting
Review of plans. Motion to accept plans as presented made by Damon Tinio, seconded by Tim Aicardi,
all in favor, motion passed

8:30 – Lot #4, 85 Park Street – Request for Determination accepted – no wetlands impact

8:32 – Cobbler's Knoll – Outback Engineering presenting
Comprehensive Permit obtained through state of MA. Revised plans to include 76 houses with individual
wells. The subdivision will share a common septic system.

Review of plans. At this meeting, Outback Engineering is looking for advice as to what the board would
like to see for wetlands protection.

8:50 – Miscellaneous

December meetings were cut down from 2 to 1 – Thursday, December 5, 2002 at 7 p.m.

Bridalwood site walk was not scheduled. The board would like to have Mike Ammendolia present due to
his involvement in the site walks.

Request from Laurie Sweet of 50 Milford Street approved to stimulate growth in the cranberry bogs on
their property as long as they follow acceptable agricultural practices. Peter suggested if they have any
questions to contact the NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service). Leslie will draft and mail a
letter to the Sweets.

9:15 – Motion to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie LaFlamme

Gary Smith, Chairman
Mike Ammendolia
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Peter Coffin
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TOWN OF MENDON

Conservation Commission
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12/05/02 Minutes

Attending: Gary Smith, Mike Ammendolia, Peter Coffin, Damon Tinio, Andrew Bradley, Timothy Aicardi

Absent: Bill Aten

7:00 – Meeting opened

7:01 – Roll call vote to go into Executive Session with Town Council, Stan Weinberg

7:50 – Rejoined open meeting

Review of cutting plan and management plan – Jim McCarthy presenting. The trees that can be cut have been marked, there are approximately 70,000 board feet and “hundreds and hundreds” of cords of firewood. Gary stated he must be present each time a load of wood comes out of the forest. Mike wants to see receipts from the mill for each load. Jim McCarthy will call Gary each time he is ready to leave with a load and will provide receipts from the mill for the previous load for Gary to bring to the office to be filed.

Mr. McCarthy believes the town’s “take” will be approximately \$15,000.00 based on approximately 1/3 of the revenue from the mill and projects the time frame to be 1 year.

Leslie will get an abutter’s list from the Assessor’s office and send out notification.

Several contract points were made (see attachment A). Leslie is to present it to Town Council and the Board of Selectmen for advice on verbiage.

8:15 – Review of 11/7 minutes, motion to accept the minutes as presented made by Mike Ammendolia, seconded by Peter Coffin, all in favor, motion passed.

8:20 – Certificates of Compliance issued in the following order:

36 Vincent Rd – Motion to grant the COC made by Mike, seconded by Tim, all in favor, motion passed

7 Davenport Dr – Motion to grant the COC made by Peter, seconded by Damon, Mike opposes due to Bob Duff not having seen the property yet, motion passed

50 Blackstone St – motion to grant the COC made by Mike, seconded by Damon, all in favor, motion passed

52 Blackstone St – motion to grant the COC made by Mike, seconded by Damon, all in favor, motion passed

6 Vincent Rd – motion to grant the COC made by Peter, seconded by Mike, all in favor, motion passed

Unanimous motion to deny the request for COC for the road at Blueberry Estates due to an expired OOC.

8:35 – Motion to release Lots 46-54 Blackstone Street (LRC properties) from the Enforcement Order due to information submitted by Fred Lapham of Shea Engineering regarding the DEP's decision. Motion made by Mike, seconded by Damon, all in favor with Tim Aicardi abstaining.

8:50 – Fred Lapham of Shea Engineering – request for an extension of the OOC for lots 48, 50, and 52 Blackstone Street. The original OOC was issued on 12/9/99. Motion to extend the OOC for 2 more years to expire 12/5/04 made by Damon, seconded by Mike, all in favor. For the record, Mike mentioned to Fred that there should have been a 30-day written notification.

8:55 – Bridalwood discussion, presented by Mujeeb

Mike would like to see better details on the design requirements, materials, fill, etc... for the retaining walls and culverts; and where they will fall. The Board requested more pertinent information be provided for the whole project. Their concerns lie with the entire project being surrounded by wetlands and Spring Brook. Questions arose about how discharge will be cleaned to maintain the wetlands, pumping techniques, road drainage, etc... Mr. Mujeeb plans to develop the land himself. The Board wants to be notified when digging begins so absolutely NOTHING ends up in Spring Brook; this is to be specified in the OOC when that time comes. All drainage and retention ponds are to be in place prior to any construction. Mujeeb was instructed to be prepared at the next meeting on January 9, 2003 at 8 p.m. with all information requested.

9:20 – Cobbler's Knoll – Outback Engineering representing

The control of the areas labeled "Open Space" has not yet been determined, however, they believe it will revert back to the homeowners. This NOI filing deals solely with the road crossings for the wetlands. There will be culverts at the road crossings with drainage. The drainage will be deeded to the Town. The 1st crossing (open space E, Rd B aka Cobbler's Way) will have three (3) 24 inch round culverts made out of concrete using the 100 year flood plan. The Board requested the construction be presented at their next scheduled meeting with the Commission. The retaining wall will be modular concrete block. The top and subsoil will be stripped 2-3' and replaced with gravel. The Board wants the final OOC to specify more detailed designs for the work and wants the construction sequence laid out prior to excavation for each crossing.

This project will be completed in 2 phases. The first phase will be the two smaller crossings; the second phase will include the large crossing. Mike recommends a soil boring in the crossing area. Outback Engineering will send a copy of the plans for the next meeting (1/9/03) and is on the agenda for the January 23, 2003 meeting at 8 p.m.

Mike also wants the OOC to reflect a report be given to the ConCom of weekly checks of the sediment and leaching system for the storm water at the oil quality catch basins.

10:00 – Review of meeting schedule through June, 2003 approved

10:10 – Discussion of the Community Preservation Act

10:30 – Motion to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie LaFlamme