



MENDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

20 Main Street
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2020

This meeting was held in-person at Mendon Town Hall and remotely via publicly accessible video and teleconference as a precautionary measure against the COVID-19 Coronavirus. All votes were taken by roll call.

The remote meeting began at 7:10 PM. The Clerk reviewed the protocols for conducting remote meetings.

Members present: Damon Tinio, Peter Coffin, Tim Aicardi, Carl Hommel

Presenters joining the meeting: Kathy Schofield, Barbara and Rick Leland, Dale McKinnon (Guerriere & Halnon), John Nenart (Rte 85 Realty Corp), Mitch Maslanka (Goddard Engineering), Ed Shea (Eagle Scout candidate)

Chairman Tinio called the meeting to order at 7:16 PM

Kathy Schofield presented information on a proposed Pollinator Garden at the **Taft Orchard** on Milford Street, requesting permission to clear a path there. Peter Coffin made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to allow hand work with no tree stumping to trim vegetation to establish a path as proposed. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Barbara and Rick Leland presented information on their proposed waterfront project at **106 Uxbridge Rd.**, asking the Commission for feedback. The Commission explained that a Notice of Intent filing and an Order of Conditions will be required before any work can commence.

At 7:35 PM, the Commission reopened the Public Hearing to consider Notices of Intent for **49 Milford St. (DEP# 218-0795)**. Dale McKinnon of Guerriere & Halnon presented the plan as revised after the September 24th hearing and the October 10th site walk. Peter Coffin made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to approve the revised plan. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

John Nenart and Mitch Maslanka (of Goddard Engineering) presented the rationale for filing the Request for Determination of Applicability for work being done at **29 Hartford Ave. West** requesting a negative retroactive determination. Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Tim Aicardi, to issue a negative determination on the conditions that no additional activity will be conducted without filing of a Notice of Intent and issuance of an Order of Conditions regulating future site work. Mr. Nenart agreed to contact representatives of Metacomet Land Trust to work in their mutual better interests. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Peter Coffin: nay; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed by majority.

John Nenart presented additional details of Rte 85 Realty Corp's proposal to plan and fund a **Supplemental Environmental Project** for the Town of Mendon. It was agreed that Mr. Nenart will present a specific scope of a proposed project to MA DEP. Chairman Tinio asked whether the funds could be spent over a span of years. Commissioner Carl Hommel agreed to assist in the planning process.

Ed Shea presented his proposed Eagle Scout project to construct an access ramp for **Lake Nipmuc**. He proposed to create a boat, clean and remove brush, restabilize the area with granite curbing at the shore, and level the grading as needed. It was agreed that use of a mini-excavator would be allowable to lift and place curbing as long as no machine excavation is conducted in the buffer zone. The applicant will work with Parks Director, Dan Byer, to install signage recognizing the contribution to the community.

Peter Coffin made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to approve the request for Certificate of Compliance **for 115 Blackstone St.** (DEP# 218-0635), Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Peter Coffin, to accept the Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2020 as written. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:30 PM Tim Aicardi made a motion, seconded by Peter Coffin, to adjourn. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Peter Coffin: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Bill McHenry, clerk