



MENDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

20 Main Street
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2020

Members present: Damon Tinio, Bill Aten, Mike Ammendolia, Peter Coffin, Emilio Perez, Carl Hommel

Chairman Tinio called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

The Commission reviewed the draft Memorandum of Understanding for Open Space at **Applewood subdivision**. It was agreed that Chairman Tinio would discuss proposed changes with Anne Mazar and the Commission. Mike Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by Peter Coffin, to authorize the Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Commission after edits addressing the Commission's concerns for protecting the wetlands within the Applewood subdivision. The motion passed unanimously.

Bruce Bartlett, property owner of **32 Maple St.**, consulted with the Commission about his proposed plan for a driveway expansion. It was agreed he will submit a more formal plan incorporating the Commission's suggestions for review at a future meeting.

Mike Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by Peter Coffin, to ratify the DEP Emergency Certification Form approving breaching of beaver dams at Hartford Ave. W at Thornton St. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:15 pm the Commission opened the Public Hearing to consider Notices of Intent for **13 Blackstone St. (DEP# 218-0794)**. Pat Carrara, of PMP Associates, presented the plan for a septic system replacement / repair. The applicant was asked to contact the Clerk when the Mendon Board of Health either approves or requires revision to the current plan. Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Peter Coffin to continue the Public Hearing to 7:15 pm on March 26th, the next regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

John Adams, property owner of **1A Puddingstone Lane**, inquired of the Commission whether his proposed project to rebuild an in-ground pool would be jurisdictional to the Conservation Commission. The Commission determined there would be no impact to the wetland areas under the proposed plan.

Commissioner Carl Hommel reported on the status of maintenance plans for the **Gaskill St. conservation area**.

Chairman Tinio volunteered to visit **36 Washington St.** to evaluate the potential impact of a proposed project to extend horse paths on the property and report back to the Commission.

The Commission discussed next steps for addressing water quality issues at **Lake Nipmuc**. Emilio Perez agreed to contact the Board of Health for an update on their efforts, and Peter Coffin agreed to contact Susan Thomas at the Blackstone River Coalition to solicit participation. Chairman Tinio agreed to contact Joan Calderella of the Lake Nipmuc Association.

Commissioner Carl Hommel reported on his site walk and discussions with **Miscoe Hill School** staff about constructing outdoor learning areas on the school's property. A Framingham State College student is working on a capstone project to produce plans that could be used to obtain grant funding of up to \$10,000 to develop the project. Such funding would be combined with donations from the community to complete the proposed work.

Peter Orlando, of Orlando Builders, consulted with the Commission on whether a DEP filing will be needed for construction of a new house on the existing foundation at **39 Millville St.** Mike Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by Peter Coffin, to find a “determination of no impact” (no DEP filing needed) as long as erosion controls are put in place at least 50 feet from the shoreline. The motion passed unanimously.

Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Peter Coffin, to accept the Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

Peter Coffin made a motion, seconded by Emilio Perez, to accept the Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:54 pm Peter Coffin made a motion, seconded by Emilio Perez, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Bill McHenry, clerk