



MENDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

20 Main Street
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2020

This meeting was held 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 7:13 PM. The Clerk reviewed the protocols for conducting remote meetings.

Members present: Damon Tinio, Tim Aicardi, Carl Hommel, Emilio Perez

Damon Tinio called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM

At 7:15 the Commission re-opened the Public Hearing to consider Notices of Intent for **63 Providence St. (DEP# 218-0805)**. Bob Poxon (of Guerriere & Halnon) had again requested continuance of the hearing. Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Tim Aicardi, to continue the Public Hearing to the December Con Com meeting. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Emilio Perez: aye; Damon Tinio: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed the maintenance required in the Conservation Restriction for the **Gaskill Conservation area** near Pond St, specifically the mowing to be done every seven years with this being the first instance. Questions were raised about properly identifying the boundaries of the area to be mowed and the desired mowing height. It was agreed that more information is needed before contracting for mowing. Commissioner Carl Hommel reported on the meeting and site walk he attended with NHESP and Metacomet Land Trust, focusing on these issues:

1. Homeowner along George St using town land for a woodpile Quonset hut storage, and dumping
2. Developer mowing catch basins during the restricted part of the calendar
3. Homeowner at 10 Pond St extending their yard into town land
4. Homeowners or developer mowing town land below the retaining wall along 13, 14, 15, and 16 Pond St
5. Stone retaining wall built on town land
6. Homeowners or developer mowing town land above the retaining wall along 13, 14, 15, and 16 Pond St
7. Homeowner at 15 Pond St building a chain link fence on top of the stone retaining wall enclosing town land

The Clerk reported that MA DEP comments had been received on the Notices of Intent for proposed construction at **44 Hartford Ave. East (DEP# 218-0802)**. The Commission approved the proposal at its meeting on October 29th, subject to DEP comments. DEP indicated that a Water Quality Certification application would be required. The applicant offered to amend the proposal to eliminate said requirement by adding a Deed Restriction stating that no more than 5,000 square feet of land area would be filled during construction. Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Emilio Perez, to approve the proposal with this condition added. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Emilio Perez: aye. Damon Tinio abstained. The motion passed by majority.

At 8:20 PM Carl Hommel made a motion, seconded by Emilio Perez, to adjourn. Roll call vote: Carl Hommel: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Damon Tinio: aye, Emilio Perez: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Bill McHenry, clerk