



MENDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

20 Main Street
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of December 10, 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 7:02 PM. The Clerk reviewed the protocols for conducting remote meetings.

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

Damon Tinio called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

The Commission discussed the **Pond Meadow Estates** developer's responsibilities regarding existing encroachments into the **Gaskill Meadows Conservation Area** and solutions needed before a Conservation Restriction can be finalized. Bob Poxon (of Guerriere & Halnon) suggested he work with the Mendon Planning Board to agree upon solutions and then report back to the Conservation Commission. Mike Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by Tim Aicardi, to continue the discussion to a future meeting. Roll call vote: Mike Ammendolia: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Damon Tinio: aye; Peter Coffin: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Anne Mazar presented a proposal for usage rules signage for **Meadow Brook Woods Conservation Area**. The Land Use Committee will purchase the signs after the exact wording is agreed upon. Dan Byer, Parks Commissioner, suggested the Town centralize scheduling the public use of all properties owned by the Parks Department and Mendon Conservation Commission. Mike Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to continue the discussion to a future meeting. Roll call vote: Mike Ammendolia: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Damon Tinio: aye; Peter Coffin: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission re-opened the Public Hearing for Notices of Intent for proposed construction of a commercial building at **63 Providence St. (DEP# 218-0805)**. Mike Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by Tim Aicardi, approve the plan. Roll call vote: Mike Ammendolia: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Damon Tinio: aye; Peter Coffin: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission opened the Public Hearing for Notices of Intent for proposed construction of a single family house at **74 Northbridge St. (DEP# 218-0803)**. Bill Halsing (of Land Planning, Inc.) presented the plan. Mike Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to approve the plan. Roll call vote: Mike Ammendolia: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Damon Tinio: aye; Peter Coffin: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission opened the Public Hearing for Notices of Intent for proposed construction of a single family house at **6A West Hill Rd. (DEP# 218-0804)**. Bill Halsing (of Land Planning, Inc.) presented the plan. Mike Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by Peter Coffin, to approve the plan. Roll call vote: Mike Ammendolia: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Damon Tinio: aye; Peter Coffin: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Fred Lapham (of Shea Engineering) presented requests for 3-year Extension Orders of Conditions for three projects: **103 Northbridge St. (DEP# 218-0647)**; **99 Northbridge St. (DEP# 218-0649)**; and **97 Northbridge St. (DEP# 218-0648)**. Mike Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to approve the three extension requests. Roll call vote: Mike Ammendolia: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Damon Tinio: aye; Peter Coffin: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission considered the Request for a Certificate of Compliance for **20 Emerson St. (DEP# 218-0786)**. Mike Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to approve the request. Roll call vote: Mike Ammendolia: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Damon Tinio: aye; Peter Coffin: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission considered the Request for a Certificate of Compliance for **75 Millville St. (DEP# 218-0787)**. Mike Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to approve the request. Roll call vote: Mike Ammendolia: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Damon Tinio: aye; Peter Coffin: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission considered the Request for a Certificate of Compliance for **3 Applewood Lane (DEP# 218-0791)**. Mike Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to approve the request. Roll call vote: Mike Ammendolia: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Damon Tinio: aye; Peter Coffin: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to ratify the Emergency Certification to allow beaver dam breaching downstream of **Lake Nipmuc**. Roll call vote: Mike Ammendolia: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Damon Tinio: aye; Peter Coffin: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission addressed residents' concerns about excessive runoff and flooding between Talbott Farm Rd. and Rt. 140, possibly originating from commercial properties on Cape Rd. Jean Shih, project manager for the solar project at 35 Cape Rd., presented information on the measures put in place during construction of the solar farm to prevent excessive runoff, and reported on her company's investigation of the current concerns. It was agreed that the runoff is likely coming from an adjacent property and the Con Com will inspect those sites to isolate the runoff source.

Tim Aicardi made a motion, seconded by Mike Ammendolia, to accept the meeting minutes of October 29, 2010. Roll call vote: Mike Ammendolia: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Damon Tinio: aye; Peter Coffin: aye. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed whether it has interest in holding a Conservation Restriction (CR) for land near Southwick and Asylum Streets. It was agreed that Mass Wildlife might be the preferred organization to hold such a CR.

Carl Hommel provided an update on the proposal for learning area trails near the Miscoe School. It was agreed he will communicate with the applicants that they can proceed with clearing a trail with hand tools only and must obtain approval from the Conservation Commission before leveling or digging of any area. The Con Com agreed to address situations as they arise.

At 8:27 PM Mike Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to adjourn. Roll call vote: Mike Ammendolia: aye; Carl Hommel: aye; Tim Aicardi: aye; Damon Tinio: aye; Peter Coffin: aye.

Minutes prepared by Bill McHenry, clerk