



TOWN OF MENDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Date: 8/11/2022
Meeting Location: Remote Teams meeting
Minutes Approved: _____

Members Present: Susan Cahalan, Mike Ammendolia, Peter Coffin, Timothy Aicardi
Members Absent: Emilio Perez, Carl Hommel, Damon Tinio
Conservation Agent: Maya Chuck
Others: Laurie Sweet, Robert Sweet

Vice Chairman Peter Coffin acted as chairmen and began the conservation committee board meeting at 7:10pm with introductions of committee members to citizens present in the meeting room and via zoom. Public Meetings/Public Hearings began at 7:15 with a Notice of Intent Application filed by Land Planning Inc. representing Laurie Sweet. The property in question is located at 58A Milford St, Mendon, MA 01756. The proposal was for the construction of a single-family home and associated septic system, utilities, earthwork and landscaping. Acting Chairman Peter Coffin and conservation commission committee board members reviewed building plans submitted by builder Robert Sweet. Committee members discussed the possible impact of construction of new driveway on the preexisting 18" clay pipe constructed into a stone wall allowing drainage from wetland to enter trench box on neighboring property. Abutting neighbors explained concerns of constructing affecting the drainage pipe leading from wetlands to the neighboring trench box mitigating surge water which overflows annually in the springtime.

The floor for discussion was opened to additional questions from citizens present. One citizen Linda Como asked about the water which will be accessed by single-family home under construction. A new pole which could be needed to be installed along the new driveway to supply power to the home was also discussed, likely to be installed by National Grid. The staking of the property lines and progress of the construction of the septic system were discussed among the committee members and builder Robert Sweet. Concerns were raised regarding potential blasting to install gas lines, and potential waterlines at least 4' below the soil surface with adjacent wetlands.

Context was offered by a citizen Linda Como regarding a region of contamination zone at the top of the hill where the construction is located, reportedly contaminated with petroleum from nearby gas station. Linda Como lives below the hill from the property under construction and expressed concerns over alterations of drainage uphill caused by new construction impacting the quantity of runoff downhill potentially creating mosquito beds and impacting the septic systems of four homes owned by her.

Acting Chairman Peter Coffin stated to the building representatives, and abutting homeowners that the conservation commission would perform a site visit the following meeting. Acting Chairman Peter Coffin moved to continue the discussion regarding the access to gas and water and ongoing construction of single-family home at 58A Milford St, Mendon, MA 01756, for the following conservation commission committee meeting.

A continuance was moved on to the topic of property 106 Millville Lane. The Conservation commission committee meeting continued by reading aloud a letter sent from a representative from Goddard Engineering regarding the progress of construction of 3 office buildings. The letter outlined plans to mitigate impact to adjacent wetlands through the progress of construction, implementation of swales and construction of grades for minimal impact to neighboring wetlands. The letter also outlined the contracted work of Blackstone Environmental Solutions to conduct soil testing to monitor the presence of possible contaminants in the surrounding soil. A representative from Goddard Engineering presented progress of the construction for the conservation

commission committee board and citizens present. Soil testing was proposed to occur the week of August 15th. Goddard Engineering proposed it would conduct a plan to survey the worksite over 45 days, to address concerns of neighboring properties of their compliance in their construction and ensure minimal environmental impact to the wetlands and homes, while not heavily altering the timeline of their construction.

Citizens in neighboring properties of the construction being conducted by Goddard Engineering were present and were informed that once results from the environmental sampling had taken place, they would be notified as soon as the conservation commission committee had received these results.

Acting Chairman Peter Coffin adjourned the meeting following update from Goddard Engineering representative.