



TOWN OF MENDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Date: 10/27/2022
Meeting Location: Remote Teams meeting
Minutes Approved: _____

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

7:03 meeting called to order by conservation commission committee Chairman Carl Hommel,

Discussion of routing slips which had been sent via email. Both Susan Cahalan and Damon Tinio looked at these Routing slips and determined that they were not the concern of the conservation commission committee. Going forward Chairman Carl Hommel suggested it be authorized for the chair and co-chair to review future routing slips and approve them on the conservation commission app if they determine that future routing slips are related to properties which have come before the conservation commission in the past and were therefore related to conservation commission matters. Board member Mike Ammendolia suggested all conservation members review routing slips incase others have knowledge of past properties which have come before the committee which the Chair and co-chair may not be aware of. Committee member Tim Aicardi expressed that in the past routing slips which were sent from the Town via email were printed out and brought to the following meeting where all members would discuss the relevance of the routing slips to the conservation committee.

The following discussion topic regarded the of use of town email and the conservation commission group texts regarding town/commission matters. Chairman Carl Hommel suggested emailed routing slips, may be reviewed by the Chair and Co-Chair and discussed among conservation members via the conservation commission group text. The current routing slips which had been sent to the town email addresses of the conservation commission members regarded the renewing of liquor licenses for certain businesses in the Town of Mendon.

It was discussed that the conservation clerk would print out one copy of future routing slips for future meetings. It was encouraged to use town emails as opposed to personal emails. Discussion covered questions of how the conservation committee would appoint new members and the board of selectmen following their recent enacted policies.

The public hearing portion of the meeting opened at 7:15pm with the presentation from Civil engineer Barry Yaceshyn PE, a representative for Cannapreneur Partners, paralegal Denise Tise who attended via

zoom call, and civil engineer for 47 Milford St. Civil engineer Barry Yaceshyn presented the current construction efforts and the three different businesses which will be accommodated by the properties under construction. The civil engineer also detailed the subject of a subsequent delay of agreed upon conservation work such as a rain garden in the rear of the property, due to the addition to the construction plan to accommodate a new generator pad. Delays were also cited due to a gas easement due to two high pressure gas mains which has affected their ability to do any construction near the gas lines. It was discussed that the Cannapreneur Partners additional building plans would need to await planning board approval before they may return to the conservation commission committee and present their current progress of construction and agreed upon. The garaging of vehicles, employees, customers, receiving and leaving shipments for delivery as well was discussed among conservation committee members and members of the public in the audience. It was brought to the conservation commission committee's concerns of the traffic of vehicles

Depending on the scope of the additions to the pre-approved construction plans originally brought to the conservation commission committee, it was discussed that it be possible that the applicant could need an amended Order of Conditions to reflect the changes of the construction of a 5 X 35 ft concrete pad to accommodate two chiller units and four condenser units, and a new generator pad, double walled. These pads will be within 100 ft, but not within 50 ft of wetlands. These additional concrete pads holding a new generator and to accommodate substances which if leaked would be hazardous to the environment. The conservation commission requested detailed building plans to ensure that the utmost preventative measures would be incorporated into construction and the final product to protect adjacent wetlands within 100ft of the businesses.

Civil engineer Barry Yaceshyn and paralegal Denise Tise who was attending the meeting via zoom remarked that the applicant was awaiting planning commission and Cannabis commission hearings which was impacting timeline of construction as well.

It was proposed by the conservation commission committee Chairman that representatives from Cannapreneur Partners supply details of the concrete pad to be added to original site plans, which depending on the addition would be determined by the committee if an additional public hearing would be required.

At 7:37 the public hearing portion of the meeting continued with the conservation commission committee discussing the availability of members to conduct a site visit for property: 30 Uxbridge Road. The conservation commission committee reviewed and accepted meeting minutes September 22nd. It was further discussed retrieving town id card for Conservation clerk/agent Maya Chuck so that she may present herself officially as a representative of the committee when conducting site visits.

The conservation commission committee discussed property 35-37 Hasting Street and letters postmarked from member Peter Coffin, to the MassDEP, Conservation Commission Committee, and the DEP to dispute plans submitted by applicant. IT was further decided that routing slips for liquor licenses, in future to print out routing slips to be discussed and signed each meeting.

Chairman Carl Hommel brought up the recent Board of selectmen meeting the night before, and whether the town bylaw is prescriptive or retroactive. The membership of Tim Aicardi was discussed, and his ability to renew his role with the Conservation Commission and was determined that he played a valuable role and would very much be an asset to the commission.

The Chairman Carl Hommel made a motion to draft a letter to reappoint Conservation commission committee board member Tim Aicardi.

All members voted to renew the membership of board member Tim Aicardi:

Susan Cahalan: aye

Mike Ammendolia: aye

Peter Coffin: aye

Timothy Aicardi: aye

Carl Hommel: aye

It was discussed whether it is appropriate for the Chair to vote on matters and opened the floor to the conservation commission committee board members how they felt the role of the Chair should be in terms of their role in voting matters, whether they may vote or step back. It was expressed that it may be at the discretion of the board, as there was no written/set policy on this matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16p.m.