



TOWN OF MENDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Date: 9/01/2022
Meeting Location: Remote Teams meeting
Minutes Approved: _____

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

Acting Conservation Commission Chairman Peter Coffin called public meetings/hearings into order at 7:15pm.

Vice Chairman Peter Coffin began the meeting with the status of a new conservation clerk/agent for the Town of Mendon. Conservation committee board member Mike Ammendolia suggested that the committee draft a letter to send to the board of Selectmen regarding the status of the board, and request support to find a suitable option for conservation clerk/agent, as well as to alert them of the status of a member Emilio Perez and the board members' desire to find a replacement.

Discussion continued regarding a recent bylaw that citizens could not be elected to the planning board and ZBA and be allowed to serve on the conservation committee board as well. The recently passed bylaws however were unclear if it would impact current members; if members in conflict of the new bylaw were to continue serving their term or were to vacate their seats prematurely. Chairman Damon Tinio provided an update on the progress of a new conservation clerk/agent, as well as expressing desire to no longer serve as Chairman of the board, but to complete his term on the conservation commission board as a member.

Committee board member Carl Hommel took over as acting Chairman and opened the floor to public hearings at 7:21pm. A continuance was announced of a Notice of Intent Application filed by Land Planning Inc. representing Laurie Sweet, for a property 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. Robert Sweet, who was overseeing construction of the plans, and interested abutters were present. Plans for construction were reviewed by committee board members present.

Committee members discussed the building plans including the installation of a new pipe to allow drainage to flow from a wetland onto the abutting properties. Committee board members discussed the installation of a 15-18" HDPE or concrete pipe to replace the preexisting clay pipe located within a stone wall on the neighboring property. Drainage would need to continue lest water become backed up and cause flooding, in and around the newly constructed driveway and trench box located on the neighboring property. The committee members proposed drafting in writing the plans to install a new pipe to ensure drainage from wetlands onto the abutting properties. This could be agreed upon and signed by abutting neighbors.

The scope of pipe removal and replacement was discussed between abutting neighbors, and Laurie Sweet. The abutting neighbors expressed desire for the replacement of 250' of preexisting pipe located on their property. Laurie Sweet countered that it would be reasonable for the building plans to include the replacement of 17' of pipe directly impacted by the construction of a driveway for the new single-family home. It was agreed by committee members that the scope of the pipe removal and replacement be from the wetland to the stone basin/ trench box. Committee members posed questions to the builders Laurie Sweet and Robert Sweet what kind of pavement would be used for the driveway and how it would be pitched. Committee Chairman Damon Tinio stated that the builders should install hay bales around a well being constructed. Vice Chairmen Peter Coffin made a motion for the conservation committee board to continue the matter on the following meeting to be held on

September 8th during the public hearings portion of the meeting. Committee members would be conducting a site visit the following morning to observe conditions discussed in the present and upcoming board meetings.

All committee Members in favor of continuance of building proposal plans for property 58A Milford St:

Susan Cahalan: aye

Carl Hommel: aye

Mike Ammendolia: aye

Damon Tinio: aye

Peter Coffin: aye

At 7:47 acting Chairman Carl Hommel opened the floor for public hearings for a request for a Certificate of Compliance for Request for a Certificate of Compliance for MassDEP file # 218-519 for a property on Willowbrook Lane, for Paul and Michelle Grant. Representative Mike Salvador would be presenting for the applicant at a following public hearing portion. Subsequent Certificate of Compliance paperwork would be signed on uploaded shared files accessible to conservation committee members.

Mr. Bob Poxon presented a Certificates of Compliance the previous day at the mailroom of Mendon Town Hall to be signed by the conservation committee board members present that evening. The first request for a Certificate of Compliance by citizen Bob Poxon in question: MassDEP file # 218-790, 39 Providence Street (Lot 9 Applewood). Conservation committee board members signed this COC form at the meeting. Bob Poxon made a request for a second COC which Committee board member Damon Tinio requested Mr. Poxon present a drafted COC at the following board meeting to have signed.

Conservation committee board members discussed a subsequent commercial grade forest cutting plan to be conducted on 25.5 acres of land in September 2022. The meeting continued with a review of Millville rd. which would be continued onto the next committee board meeting; an anticipated presentation by Goddard engineering would be made. Locating or printing an additional copy of an ONRAD for a property at Hastings Street was discussed to be brought and signed at the following meeting. Discussion regarding official word from Committee board member Emilio Perez was discussed, and he would be contacted regarding his status as a board member. General Discussion of Millville Road 3 was continued onto the following meeting date.

Chairman Damon Tinio called a motion to make board member Susan Cahalan Vice Chairman of the conservation commission board. All committee boards in favor:

Carl Hommel: aye

Mike Ammendolia: aye

Damon Tinio: aye

Peter Coffin: aye

Susan Cahalan: aye

Conservation Commission member volunteered to act as admin support for the board. Board members voted in favor of this motion:

Carl Hommel: aye

Mike Ammendolia: aye

Damon Tinio: aye

Peter Coffin: aye

Susan Cahalan: aye

Acting Chairman Carl Hommel informed the board that as per the most recent selectboard's meeting, the selectboard would be sending a liaison attend future conservation commission committee meetings. Chairman Damon Tinio made a motion to adjourn the present meeting at 8:13pm.