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**Meeting Date: 24-02-08**

**Meeting Location: Hybrid Teams / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room**

**Minutes Approved: 24-02-22**

**Members Present:** Carl Hommel, Bob Sweet, Lea Whiting, Mike Ammendolia, Peter Coffin

**Members Absent:** Susan Cahalan, Tim Aicardi

**Conservation Agent:** Isabella Genova

**Recording:** <https://youtu.be/2OOdTdpZWVU?si=g6T-NBoofxL6ehw8>

**Others:** John Nenart (Rt. 85 Realty), Tom Schutz (Goddard Consulting)

**Remote:** Adam Brodsky (Environmental Lawyer rep Rt. 85 Realty), Joel Frisch (Northeast Geoscience), Bill McHenry, Dylan Lindholm

Quorum met at 7:00 and the recording started. The meeting is called to order by Chairman Carl Hommel and the Conservation Commission members introduce themselves.

### **Correspondence**

#### **45-49 Uxbridge Rd**

Present was John Nenart (site manager Rt. 85 Realty), Tom Schutz (Goddard Consulting), and Adam Brodsky (Environmental Lawyer rep Rt. 85 Realty).

John Nenart presented the Commission with the Construction Sequence for the site moving forward. Following the SWPPP inspection report's recommendation, John has lined the siltation fence with hay bails. The temporary retention basin has been filled in with the  $\frac{3}{4}$  in stone for the underground retention basin. The stream temporarily lined and redirected around the construction site, to prevent the clean water from mixing with silt and dirty water. The streambed construction will begin in the upcoming weeks, with the restoration and replanting occurring in June. They will not redirect the water until the stream bed is vegetated.

Tom Schutz presents the Commission with a Restoration Plan for the Bordering Vegetated Wetland. After reevaluation he found  $\frac{1}{2}$  - 2 inches of sediment downstream of the plunge pools. They propose to hand remove the sediment in the drier period come June as they do not want to suspend the sediment in sitting water. A Restoration Plan for Lake Nipmuc will be submitted by April 30<sup>th</sup>, once the lake height is lower in the drier months.

The Commission reviewed the Enforcement Order Isabella drafted. Mike Ammendolia added 'subject to weather conditions.' Lea makes a motion to approve the EO, Peter seconded. Passes unanimously.

The Commission reviewed the additional Appendix to the EO, as drafted by Isabella and the DEP Circuit Rider. The Appendix would include a requirement for the applicant to fund a peer review of the site. Isabella will reach out to 3 engineers for a Request for Proposals and present an estimate at the next meeting.

Lea Makes a motion to approve Appendix A with a peer review, Peter seconded. Passes unanimously.

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### **134 North Ave**

Present was John Nenart (site manager Rte. 85 Realty)

Applicant will be applying for an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation by Goddard Consulting.

Applicant has submitted building permits which are on hold.

### **Building Permits**

RES-24-25 6 Cemetery St

Present was David Stewart with a building permit for a barn within the 100 ft Buffer Zone and 200 ft River Front Area. The barn would not have a foundation as it will be constructed on piers. The barn is sited within the 50-100 ft Buffer, however the driveway already divides the current lawn to the wetland. The Commission determines this to be a negative determination with no impact to the wetlands, but would ask that a silt fence be installed around the perimeter of the work. According to Mendon's Wetland Bylaw this project does not require a permit as it is considered a minor activity (Sec 7.0. E. VII. *Conversion of lawn to uses accessory to existing single-family houses, such as decks, sheds, patios, pools, and gardens, provided the activity is located 100 feet from the mean high water line within a riverfront area or 50 feet from other resource areas, and erosion and sedimentation controls are implemented during construction*).

Mike makes a motion for administrative approval, Peter seconds. Passes unanimously.

### **52 Providence St**

Present was Joel Frisch (Northeast Geoscience), Bill McHenry (volunteer), Dylan Lindholm (Junior Town Planner Mendon)

Introduction for the project by Joel. This project began in 2017 and is aimed to permit a public water supply for a proposed affordable housing project. Joel provided a walk-through of problems that affect the project, such as the wetland crossing for the driveway, the siting of the septic area, and siting the public drinking supply. The development and septic will be in the upland area of the site, outside of the 100 ft buffer. The limit to the septic system will be 10,000 gallons / day, approximately 90 bedrooms. There will need to be an access road from Daniels Rd to access the public drinking supply wells. There would be a pumping station and water treatment located by the well heads, which would be accessed by this road. Treated water will travel under Muddy Brook, using a track rig for directional drilling to install a large diameter pipe at least 5 ft below Muddy Brook. Then the water line will be pulled using a sleeve method. The access road could also provide access to open space.

Jack Hunter the Town Planner will come back to the Commission as the plan develops.

### **23 Cape Rd**

Isabella and Dylan suggested that some of the flooding located at Edwards Rd may be due to the water table being higher than it has been historically. A homeowner located on the opposite side of Edwards Rd came into the building department with concerns that her sump pump alarm has gone off more than usual. After speaking with the Board of Health's septic consultant, it was suggested that the water table may have risen due to the intense storms. This could suggest that these wet conditions are not due to stormwater runoff from the solar field or soccer fields.

Isabella is still awaiting a restoration plan for the wetlands located down gradient of 23 Cape Rd.

### **3 Morrison Dr**

Isabella is waiting for an update from the Building Inspector.

### **13 Bellingham St**

Isabella has been contacted by engineer for the site, Edward Avizinis of Avizinis Environmental Services Inc. Isabella will follow up with the homeowner to assess the straw applied to the site by the next meeting.

### **Sylvan Springs**

Reviewed Stormwater Prevention Pollution Plan for 24-01-26.

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### **Conservation Trail Activity**

Update by Lea Whiting. Anne Mazar will supply two new private property signs for Jared Wheelock's property. Isabella attended a site walk on Jan 27<sup>th</sup> with the Land Use Committee for a new trail at Inman Hill.

### **43 Quissett (Pearson Farm) Conservation Restriction**

Isabella reports an estimate breakdown from Guerriere and Halnon, for \$1800 to resurvey and install 5 new rebar markers flush in the ground on the perimeter of the Farmstead envelope. Isabella will work with the Finance department to determine which budget line should be used.

### **Gaskill Conservation Restriction**

Isabella has forwarded the approved CR draft to Town Counsel. Once reviewed it will appear in the next Select Board meeting.

### **Lake Nipmuc Task Force**

Update from Bob Sweet. The Task Force met on Jan 30<sup>th</sup> and discussed installing a water gauge, a sampling schedule for water quality monitoring and E.coli testing, and the Board of Health's effort for abutting septic health.

### **Review and approve Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes from 24-01-25 by Lea, seconded by Peter, passed unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes from 23-03-09 by Mike, seconded by Peter. Lea and Bob abstained. Passed unanimously.

### **Items not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting**

#### **Budget Request**

Isabella has submitted the request for Fiscal Year 25 budget.

#### **Swales**

Lea would like to adopt best management practices for vegetated grass swales with native plants. Lea will propose language that could be adopted.

#### **Providence St Culvert**

Jon Dudley (Mendon Highway Department) has asked the Commission to provide recommendations for replacing the culvert that has washed out on Providence St. Spring Brook passes through the culvert. The Commission believes a larger pipe or open box culvert could prevent washout in the future. Isabella will schedule a site walk.

Motion to adjourn by Bob seconded by Mike, passed unanimously, 9:21pm.