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9/14 Meeting Date: 23-09-14

Meeting Location: Hybrid Teams / 2nd Floor Meeting Room

Minutes Approved: 24-03-28

Members Present: Carl Hommel, Susan Cahalan, Bob Sweet, Lea Whiting, Peter Coffin, Tim Aicardi, Mike Ammendolia

Members Remote:

Members Absent:

Recording: <https://youtu.be/IXbvEWPs5no?si=tVCcikP4ot0Hzb54>

Others Present:

Others Remote:

Quorum met at 7:02pm and the recording started. The meeting is called to order by Chairman Carl Hommel and the Conservation Commission members introduce themselves.

Reviewed correspondence (postal, voicemail, and email)

- Received correspondence from Joe Urnato of Water and Wetland who will be doing a post management survey on Lake Nipmuc. Water and Wetland will go out onto the lake and review chemicals treatments that they did over the summer. Dan Byer is included, and the Lake Nipmuc association also met with them. In two weeks, the Conservation Commission will have a proposal to do some additional work with them.

Public Hearings begin at 7:15pm

7:15 Open Public Hearings:

1 Uxbridge Rd

1 Uxbridge Rd: DEP#218-0845 Notice of Intent submitted by Kendra Santamaria of Guerriere & Hanlon on behalf of applicant Dr. Patrick Assioun for the expansion of an existing parking lot, modification to the existing drainage system and infiltration basin, and associated grading at 1 Uxbridge Rd. Kendra displayed a special permit plan for 1 Uxbridge Road. They have approval from the Planning Board to purchase the building and put in a dental office. Discussed the site plan with Conservation Committee and questions were asked and answered.

Mike makes a Motion to accept the NOI, MassDEP – 218-0845. Expectation that the Order of Conditions would have no additional items that the Conservation Committee would want to have added in. So moved by Bob, seconds by Mike, All in favor – Passes Unanimously.

Close Public Hearings

Additional topics of discussion (that are not Public Hearings)

ConComm Housekeeping

- Welcome Lea, our new member
- Schedule election of chair and vice chair for 9/28 meeting. It was determined to vote at the 9/14 meeting as some members were not going to be available for the 9/28 meeting.

Carl Hommel for ConComm Chair was nominated and elected, for next year - all in favor, Passes Unanimously

Susan Cahalan for vice chair, was nominated and elected, for next year - all in favor, Passes Unanimously

- Discuss role of chair in voting – Carl discussed role; quorum is 4. It was discussed setting the policy for the year for consistency.

10 Old Taft Avenue

Discussion with Gregory Lambert regarding construction of a stone wall and work performed within the protected buffer zone of Lake Nipmuc, and take any action required. Karen Santamaria was there representing the homeowner; Mr. Lambert was also in attendance. The Conservation Committee wants to determine the best way to manage the paperwork and comply with DEP regulations. The homeowner would like to amend the open existing order to get work permitted. A partial certificate of compliance was given. The homeowner is asking to reopen the partially closed CoC and modify the NOI. It was discussed revising the existing NOI and resending letters to abutters.

ConComm's approval to go through when the paperwork is ready on October 12th. Kendra will come back with a new plan. Prepare public notice for October 12 meeting.

Lake Task Force

Hear report from Bob Sweet, the ConComm liaison to the Lake Task Force, and take any action required.

Wayne Phipps, 45 Kinsley Lane – discussion about growth in lake and possible chemical treatment. Water lilies treatment should take place in September, chemical treatment. Discussion about destroying lily pads on the lake.

Discussed allowable use on the Lake, deciphering Great Pond regulations and discussed wetland By-laws.

2022 Conservation Restriction reports

Review four CR monitoring reports prepared by Metacomet, and take any action required. Metacomet Board members were in attendance online, Mike Penko and Tom Bik. Discussed Metacomet Land Trust and its role. Discussed Manoogian Farm violation of CR. Would like to schedule a site visit to come out and look at the properties in October. It was discussed to review the restriction and any agricultural issues.

Add to agenda for next meeting. Review CR and further discussion about setting up a site walk. Also review past reports.

Review ConComm finances - no new bills.

Training budget

- Reviewed completed and upcoming classes
- Reviewed status of hiring a new admin/agent
- First round of interviews was completed - goal is to make appointment at 9/20 Select Board meeting
- Reviewed any activity since last meeting

Building Permits

- RES0-23-243 3 Jewell Cr – detached garage, not jurisdictional
- RES0-23-240 5 Thornton St – house foundation, not jurisdictional

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- 9 Dudley Road – building a shed, not jurisdictional

In attendance, a new Mendon resident of 39 Millville Road, who wants to build a stone wall and wants to go through the process the correct way. It was recommended by the Committee to talk to an engineer, get your plans on paper and file for a NOI.

Jason(liaison) on call. No issues or questions.

Chair Carl to entertain motion to adjourn meeting, so moved by Peter, Mike seconds, Passes Unanimously, stop recording 8:33pm.