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*Michael Ammendolia  
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## TOWN OF MENDON

Conservation Commission  
Mendon Town Hall  
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

### Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2014

Attending: P. Coffin, T. Aicardi, M. Ammendolia, W. Aten; Lynn & Jim Patrick, John Zimmerman, Wayne & Dorothy Wiersma, Bruce Dubeau, 90 Park St; Mark & Denise D'Arcangelo, 51 Millville St; Mike Yerka & Margaret Bacon, Civil Site Engineering; Fred Lapham, Shea Engineering; Bob & Linda Lamothe, Darlene Pellerise, Bob Choquette, Timothy Tetreault, Lake Nipmuc residents; Shirley Smith & Joan Caldarella, Lake Nipmuc Association; John Gomersall, 43 Quissett Rd abutter.

Vice-Chairman P. Coffin called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

**W. Aten made and M. Ammendolia seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated August 13, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.**

Members reviewed two Requests for Jurisdictional Project Determinations:

- The first request was for 13 Wood Dr for a garage extension. The work was determined to have no impact on wetlands. **All members were in agreement for the approval of the Jurisdictional Project Determination for 13 Wood Dr.**
- The second request was for 16A Carpenter Hill Rd for a deck extension from 10x4 to 12x16. The work was determined to have no impact on wetlands. **All members were in agreement for the approval of the Jurisdictional Project Determination for 16A Carpenter Hill Rd.**

Members reviewed a Request for Certificate of Compliance for 14 Cadman Rd. A partial Certificate of Compliance was previously issued because of a lack of established vegetation. The site was visited by Commissioners and it was verified that vegetation is now established. The request was approved as presented. **All members were in agreement.**

T. Aicardi opened the hearing for the Notice of Intent for 90 Park St at 7:45 PM. The request was for the construction of a single family home and septic system outside of the buffer zone, with a detached garage and pool within the buffer zone. Erosion control will be used. Jim Patrick, an abutter at 85 Park St, had concerns about the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program being notified. Mike Yerka presented the Commissioners with his green cards, which confirmed that NHESP was notified. Jim Patrick also had concerns about the lot having 200 feet of frontage, which was verified by Mike Yerka and the Commissioners. The Commissioners requested that Mike Yerka revise his plans to include all frontage measurements so that the total visually adds up to 200 feet. **W. Aten made and M. Ammendolia seconded a motion to continue the Notice of Intent hearing for 90 Park St until September 10, 2014 because NHESP had not yet responded to the application. T. Aicardi was in favor of said motion. Vice-Chairman P. Coffin abstained.**

T. Aicardi opened the hearing for the Notice of Intent for 51 Millville St at 8:07 PM. The request was for the repair of a failed septic system. This repair will temporarily go through the wetlands. There is no better alternative and the disturbance will not be permanent. Erosion control will be used. **M. Ammendolia made and W. Aten seconded a motion to approve the Notice of Intent for 51 Millville St as presented with a negative determination for impact to the wetlands. The motion carried unanimously.**

T. Aicardi opened the hearing for the Request for Determination of Applicability for 8 Hartford Ave W at 8:17 PM. The request was to determine whether the following work is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act: replacing a failed soil absorption system for a single family house within an existing lawn area that is within 93 feet of a wetland. Erosion control will be used. The work was determined to be in an area subject to protection under the Wetlands Protection Act but it will not alter

the area. **M. Ammendolia made and Vice-Chairman P. Coffin seconded a motion to approve the Determination of Applicability for 8 Hartford Ave W as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

Members discussed the geese situation on Lake Nipmuc with the Lake Nipmuc Association and concerned residents who live on the lake. Several residents voiced their frustration over the geese interfering with the use of their property because they leave such a mess behind. Residents are also concerned about the potential health hazard the geese may pose to humans and to the lake itself. The Lake Nipmuc Association agreed to do more water testing to determine if any e. coli can be traced to the geese. They agreed to provide the Conservation Commission with a copy of these test results. The Lake Nipmuc Association discussed getting a permit from the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife to addle the eggs. They stated that they would need approval from the Conservation Commission to obtain this permit. Members discussed other potential measures such as: making sure residents do not feed the geese, hiring someone with a dog to scare the geese, and installing fences. Feedback from the residents along the lake was that none of these measures seem to be working. **Vice-Chairman P. Coffin made and W. Aten seconded a motion to endorse the Lake Nipmuc Association's application for addling to control the geese problem on Lake Nipmuc, provided that they follow the state guidelines when doing so. T. Aicardi was in favor of said motion. M. Ammendolia was opposed.**

Members discussed Lycott Environmental and their work on Lake Nipmuc with residents who live on the lake. Residents are skeptical about Lycott doing what they say they will. They are especially skeptical about what went on during the clearing of the outlet on the lake and this year's weed control treatment. They also stated that private parties on the lake are hiring Lycott to hydrorake their beaches to clear the vegetation. Residents stated that this is making a mess and causing weeds to float all over the lake which are not being cleaned up. T. Aicardi stated that this is the first time that the Conservation Commission has received negative feedback about Lycott. The Commissioners decided to invite Lycott to an upcoming meeting where residents can voice their concerns and have their questions answered. Concerned residents wrote down their contact information and will be notified when Lycott is confirmed to be attending a meeting. **All members were in agreement with this decision.**

Members discussed the potential purchase of 43 Quissett Rd with John Gomersall. Paperwork was submitted to the town on August 19, 2014 which indicated a potential offer on the property and began the period of 120 days in which the town has the right of first refusal to purchase the property as part of Chapter 61A. J. Gomersall explained that the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife is very interested in the wooded portion of the property. That section will be appraised and is scheduled to be presented at the DFW's meeting on September 11, 2014 for potential purchase. M. Ammendolia introduced the idea that the town purchase the property outright, possibly through a bond, and work out the details of splitting it up to interested parties later on, instead of rushing all of that work within the 120 day timeframe. **Vice-Chairman P. Coffin made and W. Aten seconded a motion to send a letter from the Conservation Commission to the Board of Selectmen in support of M. Ammendolia's idea and to include this idea on the warrant for the upcoming Town Meeting on November 5, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Vice-Chairman P. Coffin made and T. Aicardi seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 PM. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Cameron, Administrative Clerk

Documents Discussed located in the Conservation Commission Office:

Meeting minutes of Aug 13, 2014

Jurisdictional Project Determinations for: 13 Wood Dr & 16A Carpenter Hill Rd

Request for Certificate of Compliance, partial, & full Certificates of Compliance for 14 Cadman Rd

Notice of Intent for 90 Park St

Notice of Intent & Order of Conditions for: 51 Millville St

Request for Determination of Applicability & Determination of Applicability for 8 Hartford Ave W

Notice of Intent to Sell paperwork for 43 Quissett Rd & letter of support from Conservation Commission to Board of Selectmen