



# MENDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

20 Main Street  
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

## Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2016

Attending: Peter Coffin, Carl Hommel, Pieter de Jong, William Aten, Michael Ammendolia

Vice-Chairperson P. Coffin called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

The Commission had a follow up discussion about the potential installation of a beaver deceiver in the Town Forest with Anne Mazar and Mike Salvador. Mike Salvador explained that his land flooded 4' higher than the typical water level, he was afraid of losing his trees, (which he does not intend to harvest), so he took out the dam where the beavers blocked an existing channel. Vice-Chairperson P. Coffin reminded Mike Salvador that proper procedures need to be followed with the Commission before activity is commenced in wetlands. Anne Mazar explained that she consulted with Beaver Solutions, who said that the site is eligible for a flow device. There is a warrant article for the upcoming Town Meeting for \$1500 to fund the device. Mike Salvador stated that he is willing to provide the funds if the town votes against it. M. Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by W. Aten, to support the warrant article. Vice-Chairperson P. Coffin and P. de Jong were in agreement. C. Hommel recused himself due to a business relationship with Mike Salvador.

The Commission opened the Notice of Intent hearing for 7 Puffer Drive. Travis Brown of Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc. presented the project to the Commission. The septic system and foundation drain daylight are within the 100 foot buffer zone. They are in contact with NHESP to see if the lot is grandfathered under the approval of the entire subdivision for being within a mapped habitat area. M. Ammendolia asked for the following to be flagged: the wetland line, the 100 foot buffer zone line, and an outline of the septic system and foundation drain daylight. The Commission scheduled a site visit for October 11, 2016 at 8:30/9:00 AM. M. Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by C. Hommel, to continue the public hearing for 7 Puffer Drive to October 13, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission opened the Notice of Intent hearing for 11 Puffer Drive. Travis Brown of Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc. presented the project to the Commission. The house and well are within the 100 foot buffer zone. M. Ammendolia asked for the locus map to be corrected and for the following to be flagged: the house corners, well location, limit of work, and perimeter drain outlet. The Commission scheduled a site visit for October 11, 2016 at 8:30/9:00 AM. M. Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by C. Hommel, to continue the public hearing for 11 Puffer Drive to October 13, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

Francis Irons of 81 Providence Street discussed his concerns about the Clough School leaching field with the Commission. He stated that it has been twelve years since its installation and he is wondering if it is still in compliance. It is located close to Muddy Brook and an aquifer which residents' wells utilize. The Commission decided to send a letter to the Board of Health, with the Board of Selectmen and Highway Department copied in, to inquire if anyone is monitoring the leaching field. The Commission would like to request any records of the metering of water usage at the school in order to determine the usage of the leaching field. They would also like to request monitoring of the leaching field when the septic tank for the school is pumped. Additionally, P. de Jong will consult with the Blackstone River Watershed Association (BRWA) to see if they have any water quality monitoring results for Muddy Brook.

M. Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by P. de Jong, to accept the meeting minutes of September 8, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission approved and signed the following Jurisdictional Project Determinations: 6 Dudley Road – 42x24 in ground pool.



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The Commission discussed a request to withdraw water from Lake Nipmuc to be used for dust control purposes during construction on Providence Street. M. Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by P. de Jong, to deny the request, especially given the current drought conditions, and to suggest that the company purchase water for dust control purposes. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed a Request for Certificate of Compliance for 3 Puffer Drive. M. Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by W. Aten, to issue a Certificate of Compliance for 3 Puffer Drive. The motion carried unanimously.

M. Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by P. de Jong, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

### Documents Discussed located in the Conservation Commission Office:

Notices of Intent for 7 & 11 Puffer Drive

Letter from the Commission to the Board of Health regarding Clough School leaching field

September 8, 2016 meeting minutes

JPD for: 6 Dudley Road

Request for Certificate of Compliance & Certificate of Compliance for: 3 Puffer Drive