



MENDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

20 Main Street
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2017

Attending: Carl Hommel, Damon Tinio, William Aten, Mike Ammendolia, Pieter DeJong, Peter Coffin,

Chairman D. Tinio called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

The Commission reviewed the Request for Determination of Applicability for erection of a temporary storage structure at 4 Morrison Drive. The Commission determined the project has no negative impacts and work can proceed.

The Commission reviewed the Request for Determination of Applicability for construction of a single family house at 8 Puffer Drive. Paul Hutnak of Andrews Survey and Engineering discussed the project with the Commission, pointing out that the submitted plans meet the standards set forth in the Mendon Wetland Protection By-laws even though the subdivision was approved before the creation of said By-laws establishing buffer zones for isolated wetlands. The Commission determined there will be no negative impact as long as erosion controls shown in the plan are in place, and asked that a copy of the plans be left with the Conservation Department and the Commission be notified before construction begins so it can verify that protective bales are in place.

The Commission reviewed the Request for Determination of Applicability for construction of a gunnite pool at 48 Blackstone St. and determined there will be no negative impact as long as the contractor (Dan Pestretto, South Shore Gunnite Pools) works according to the plan they presented at the Commission's meeting of December 15, 2016. Bill McHenry will contact the contractor asking they resubmit plans showing bale placement and contact the Commission after protective measures are in place and at least 48 hours before construction begins.

At 7:45 the Commission opened a Notice of Intent hearing for construction of a single family house at 59 Asylum St. Fred Lapham of Shea Engineering discussed the plans with the Commission. Cheryl Ann Connelly, an abutter residing at 57 Asylum St., expressed concerns about possible migration of wetland areas and changes in runoff flow due to clearing of land or construction activity. Reading from a letter (that she requested be added to the file for 59 Asylum St.), she asked for assurances that water will continue to run off properly, and that an existing culvert located near the end of her driveway be routinely maintained by the Town to handle such runoff. Mr. Lapham explained that changes in runoff volume will be negligible and will not exceed the capacity of the culvert. He indicated he had confirmed with the Highway Department that culverts are inspected and maintained annually. D. Tinio suggested Ms. Connelly contact the Highway Department should this culvert become blocked. Ms. Connelly requested she be notified before the Highway Department conducts its next maintenance so she could observe. The Commission instructed B. McHenry (clerk) to contact the Highway Department to request this notification. P. Coffin confirmed that wetlands are already flagged and several commissioners assured Ms. Connelly that exercise of proper care during construction should protect the interest of abutters. Ms. Connelly indicated she was told when she purchased her property 20 years ago, the lot at 59 Asylum was considered "unbuildable." Mr. Lapham explained that this was true at the time but the State has since changed the parameters for "suitable soil," making this a buildable lot. P. deJong made a motion, seconded by C. Hommel, to accept the plan as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

At 8:32 D. Tinio departed the meeting, and P. Coffin took over presiding.

At 8:33 the Commission opened a Notice of Intent hearing for construction of a single family house at 9 Park St. Fred Lapham of Shea Engineering discussed the plans with the Commission, noting that permitting for this property was granted four years ago, and that the NHESP determination of "no negative impact" is valid for five years. Tracie Bevan, an abutter residing at 11 Park St. stated that the area has had previous runoff problems, and inquired as to the location and size of the proposed dwelling. P. Coffin requested that protective hay bales be placed around the well area before construction begins. M. Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by C. Hommel, to accept the plan under



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the conditions that hay bales be placed as discussed, and a copy of the NHESP letter and revised plans be filed with the Conservation office. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed a Request for Certificate of Partial Compliance for 4 Jewell Crossing. M. Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by C. Hommel, to grant approval. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioners signed the Certificate, which was hand delivered to Mr. Lapham at the meeting.

The Commission reviewed a Request for Certificate of Compliance for 40 Kinsley Lane. M. Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by C. Hommel, to grant approval to be signed at the next meeting, subject to site inspection. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission reviewed a Request for Certificate of Compliance for 9 Lovell St. P. deJong made a motion, seconded by M. Ammendolia, to grant approval to be signed at the next meeting, subject to site inspection. The motion carried unanimously.

P. deJong made a motion, seconded by C. Hommel, to accept the meeting minutes of December 15, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

The commission discussed a recent letter from MACC regarding a Con Com sign-on opportunity, and decided to take no action.

The Commission inquired of the Administrative Assistant as to the status of the FY18 Con Com budget, and instructed him to contact the Town Administrator, Kim Newman to ask who submitted the budget and request a copy.

P. deJong made a motion, seconded by M. Ammendolia, to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes compiled by Bill McHenry, Administrative Assistant

Documents Discussed located in the Conservation Commission Office:

NOI for 59 Asylum St. (DEP 218-0758)

NOI for 9 Park St. (DEP 218-0759)

OOC for 4 Jewell Crossing (DEP 218-0678)

OOC for 9 Lovell St. (DEP 218-0453)

December 15, 2016 meeting minutes

MACC Con Com sign-on opportunity (e-mail)