



MENDON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

20 Main Street
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2017

Meeting location: Mendon Senior Center

Members present: Peter Coffin, Carl Hommel, Bill Aten, Mike Ammendolia, Tim Aicardi (arrived 7:50)

Vice-chair Peter Coffin called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Inman Pond Order of Conditions Extension (DEP #218-0672) – (Solitude Lake Mgt. / Emily Walsh): Emily Walsh and Jeff Castellani of Solitude Lake Management presented an update on management of aquatic plant growth at Inman Pond. They reported this is more of a maintenance project now, with hand-picking to avoid return of need for intensive treatments. Mike Ammendolia suggested that the Town include funding of annual maintenance in its future budgets in the event funding from other sources (such as Trustees of Reservations) becomes unavailable. Clerk Bill McHenry was instructed to schedule a reminder for Mr. Rudden and Mrs. Mazar to request such funding for the FY19 budget. The Commission requested notification before work begins and asked for a copy of reports to be sent annually. Mike Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel to approve a one-year extension of the Order of Conditions. The motion carried unanimously.

Conservation Restriction (CR) reports – Patrice Murphy (Metacomet Land Trust): Patrice Murphy presented the annual report on four properties owned by the Town that have conservation restrictions.

Muddy Brook North (24.2 acres of land with frontage along Rt. 16 and along Muddy Brook, acquired in 2008, CR put in place 2014): The solar farm construction has produced no sediment running toward the brook. There is no recommendation to remove invasive species at this time. Fields should be maintained to prevent overgrowth.

Muddy Brook South (26 acres acquired in 2011, CR put in place 2014.) This land is used extensively for hunting, with some tree stands left in place, one with climbing pegs. Metacomet recommends removal of these tree stands.

Meadow Brook Uplands (96 acres near outlet of Lake Nipmuc, acquired 2014, CR put in place 2014): An education letter that was sent out significantly reduced ATV activity. There are four vernal pools on this property. Hunting tree stands have been left behind, one in a vernal pool.

Pearson Farm: The Town holds the Conservation Restriction; Metacomet Land Trust perform annual inspections, monitoring, and reporting. Metacomet recommends the Town discuss dredging issues with landowner.

Mr. Mike Delmonico of 85 Providence St. talked with the Commission about the possibilities for septic / tight tank systems at 70-72 Uxbridge Rd. He is interested in possibly purchasing the property. (A public hearing on a Notice of Intent regarding plans for this property is scheduled for the July 13, 2017 meeting.)

Margaret Bacon of Civil Site Engineering talked with the Commission about the issues at the area near 49 Hartford Ave E. The Commission recommended a Notice of Intent under the Mendon wetland bylaw be filed to propose any work to be undertaken so that all abutters are informed about any plans.

48 Blackstone St. – revised plan for pool - Clerk Bill McHenry explained that homeowner Kim Ledoux submitted plans showing the location of protective barriers per the Commission's request and had already installed said barriers. Ms. Ledoux asked for a site inspection, which Chairman Tinio had performed prior to the meeting, approving of the protective measures taken. The homeowner was granted approval to proceed with permitting.

Right of first refusal – 40 Quissett Rd: The Commission instructed Bill McHenry to inform the Board of Selectmen it has no interest in obtaining this property.

MACC annual dues of \$483: The Commission instructed Bill McHenry to return to its next meeting with information on the amount of dues in prior years, and the amount provided in the Con Com budget for dues.

Mike Ammendolia made a motion, seconded by Bill Aten, to approve the meeting minutes of May 25, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

At 8:57 Bill Aten made a motion, seconded by Carl Hommel, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes compiled by B. McHenry, Administrative Assistant