

*Timothy Aicardi, Chairman
Damon Tinio, Vice Chairman*



*Michael Ammendolia
William Aten
Peter Coffin*

TOWN OF MENDON

Conservation Commission
Mendon Town Hall
20 Main Street
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2007

Attending: T. Aicardi, D. Tinio, M. Ammendolia and William Aten; T. Jones, Developer; B. Younes, 54 Blackstone St.; R. O'Grady, 205 Providence St.; C. Ghelli, 230 West St.; M. Kampersal, 387 South St., Holliston; and R. Sweet, 50 Milford St.

Meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. when a quorum was reached.

Members reviewed T. Jones plan to extend the backyard of 54 Blackstone Street. The owner would like to plant fruit and regular trees. The lawn is mowed to the edge of the wetland and is now growing tall. Flags are still in place from when the house was constructed per Shea Engineering. Members requested he keep a 25-foot no-disturb zone from the vegetation line. Owner is to stake the 25-foot line and keep heavy equipment out of the buffer. Owner will have a slight slope towards the buffer. D. Tinio made and W. Aten seconded a motion to approve the plan as presented. The motion carried unanimously. The developer only requested an informal plan review; therefore, D. Willoughby will type a formal determination.

D. Tinio, W. Aten and T. Aicardi signed the Complete Certificate of Compliance for 51 Blackstone Street. It will be issued pending T. Aicardi's site visit.

T. Aicardi signed the BOS License Routing Slip for George's Surf n Turf.

Mr. Sweet requested to record the discussion regarding his property at 50 Milford Street. Members allowed it and M. Ammendolia requested a copy of the tape. Abutters introduced themselves and the board invited them to voice their concerns. Mr. Sweet said he has been trying to meet the requirements for renovating the cranberry bog. He bought the property because of the potential it offered. Half of the bog belongs to an abutter. Mr. Sweet said he did speak with Pat Ghelli and she looked favorably upon the renovation. Mr. Sweet said he has been open, honest and willing to explain what he was doing if asked by a neighbor.

According to Mr. Sweet the area between 10 feet from the property line and the abutters' property has not been touched. Vines have been ordered and will be received in March. They will be planted by May. Riprap has been installed. M. Ammendolia voiced his concern that the abutters will not have any liability for work that is being done or left undone. Mr. Sweet said, "I will not hold abutters responsible for any actions taken in creating the cranberry bog." The dirt dam was washed away by rain. Instead of having to always repair it, Mr. Sweet installed a cement dam. Mr. Sweet noted that there is a brass tag where the dam is located on his property. The Conservation Commission will require an as-built drawing to make sure everything is done according to the plan. Mr. Sweet voiced concern over the cost. Members showed him the plan on file for his property and told him that the engineer just has to update the existing plan to show work done since the date of that plan. Mr. Sweet gave abutters permission to go on his property to see the progress. An abutter asked about what happens if Mr. Sweet moves and then the dam is not naturally controlled. Mr. Sweet explained that there is an overflow. Mr. Sweet referenced Dan Lenthall's letter that noted 310 CMR 10.53 (3) (g) limited project for wildlife/farm ponds. *Action: D. Willoughby to find the regulation in order for board to determine whether the BRP WW 13 still needs to be submitted to the DEP.* T. Aicardi reported that P. Coffin had performed a site visit and Mr. Sweet has been working on maintaining the slopes.

Members reviewed and signed the Determination of Applicability for the construction of a barn at 1 Calumet Circle. There will be no wetland impact. T. Aicardi made and D. Tinio seconded a motion to give S. Kimball a negative determination for 1 Calumet Circle. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Tinio reported that he is waiting to receive a phone call from K. Welch who requested to build a 24'-by 26'-addition with a foundation. D. Tinio took the applicant's cell phone number to arrange a site visit.

T. Aicardi to perform site visit at 2 Cadman Road. The applicant wants to clear some nuisance vegetation near the detention pond.

D. Willoughby informed members that B. Hawkes called to say the cause of the high level of the lake was not due to a beaver dam but to a blocked spillway. Members did not think this was likely. D. Tinio reported that he heard five or six beavers have been caught

D. Tinio made and W. Aten seconded a motion to accept the Conservation Commission meeting minutes of December 7, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

Members agreed that everyone on Conservation Commission should register to attend the MACC Annual Environmental Conference scheduled for March 3, 2007. Action: D. Willoughby will take care of the paperwork.

Members read the e-mail from M. Garagliano regarding the gas spill at the Xtra Mart on Route 16. *Actions: D. Willoughby to invite Chief Horn to next Con. Com. meeting to discuss the procedure for informing the Conservation Commission of hazardous material spills that may potentially get into wetlands. D. Willoughby will also respond to M. Garagliano thanking her for informing the Commission of the incident so they can investigate. D. Willoughby will identify the DEP regulation that says when a spill has to be reported.*

Members agreed to the following meeting dates to be held on Thursdays:

February 8 & 22
March 8 & 22
April 12 & 26
May 10 & 24
June 7 & 21

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Willoughby
Administrative Clerk