

*Timothy Aicardi, Chairman
Damon Tinio, Vice Chairman*



*Michael Ammendolia
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Peter Coffin*

TOWN OF MENDON

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

Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2006

Attending: Tim, Damon, Mike, Bill and Peter; Fred Lapham, Shea Engineering; Karen Balian, 64 Uxbridge Road; Arthur Fairbanks, 51 Mowry Street and John Andrews, Andrews Survey and Engineering, Inc.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Attendees agreed to hold their hearings out of order to accommodate K. Balian. Mrs. Balian requested to go on record to inform the Commission that there is still a water problem in her yard at 64 Uxbridge Road and the level of Lake Nipmuc is still high. D. Tinio explained about the stone wall which was found, believed to be prohibiting the flow, and torn down to allow an increase in the water flow. Damon saw a significant improvement in flow when that was done. The person who built the wall told Damon that he would deny doing it. *Action: T. Aicardi said he and A. Tetreault will bring a machine to that same area to clear any blockage found. They determined the next course of action to be taken was to find out who owns the property that is causing the high lake level. Then they need to notify the landowner of the problem and the need for correction. He/she would need to notify the Commission of how he/she plans to fix it. F. Lapham will provide a survey of the area that he already has on January 6, 2006.*

7:55 p.m. NOI 80 Northbridge Road--M. Ammendolia made and D. Tinio seconded a motion to accept the engineering plan as presented with an additional condition to noting the applicant must call the Conservation Commission after the hay bales and silt fence are staked out and when the work will begin. The motion carried unanimously. *Action: D. Willoughby will call engineer for the green, return-receipt cards.*

8:06 P.M. NOI 12 Emerson Street—M. Ammendolia made and D. Tinio seconded a motion to accept the engineering plan as presented for 12 Emerson Street with an additional condition to read, “Hay bales and silt fence must be properly installed and maintained”. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Lapham requested the Commission preview the plan for 57 Park Street. Mr. Lapham will stake the site out tomorrow in order for the members to perform a site visit at their convenience. The hearing will be scheduled for January 19 at 7:45 p.m.

Commissioners explained to Mr. Fairbanks that neither equipment nor work can be performed in the wetland or replication area of his property at 51 Mowry Street. *Action: D. Willoughby will send Mr. Fairbanks a copy of the engineering plan for 51 Mowry Street with a letter indicating the Commission will perform a site visit in the spring.*

T. Aicardi reported that the driveway at 9 West Hill Road has been completed as requested by the Commission to prevent any runoff into the road from the site.

M. Ammendolia made and D. Tinio seconded a motion to accept the meeting minutes of December 1, 2005 as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Action: T. Aicardi will visit the Tower Hill area to determine the source of debris and trash in response to a call from A. Mazar.

T. Aicardi asked members if anyone was willing to assume the Chairman position as he has been doing it for two years. Everyone said their jobs do not allow them the time required by the position. However, members agreed to split up the site visits for the Requests for Determination to take the burden off the Chairman. T. Aicardi agreed to remain Chairman.

Members reviewed the budget requirements for FY '07. The School Account, 001 0171 5400 0320, should be decreased from FY '06, \$225.00, to \$0. Funding for 'schooling', or classes for members/administration will be under Travel/Training. Money will need to be budgeted in the New Equipment Account, 001 0171 5404 0300, for a camera, memory stick, USB cable and file cabinet. Enough money needs to be budgeted for all members and the Admin. Clerk to attend two MACC workshops on one day in the Travel and Training Account, 001 0171 5400 0730. The Hearings Account, 001 0171 5400 0343, Supplies Account, 001 0171 5400 0422 and Postage Account, 001 0171 5400 0340, need to reflect additional developments which are expected to be filing Notices of Intent. Therefore, the current average of three hearings per month should be increased to five per month. *Action: D. Willoughby will call Aquatic Control to get and estimate for the treatment of Lake Nipmuc for this year.* The Weed Control Lake Nipmuc, 001 0171 5414 0300, will reflect that amount. M. Ammendolia requested eight copies be sent to the Finance Committee by January 11, 2006. Meetings and Dues Account, 001 0171 5400 0730, will reflect the MACC membership fee of \$281.

Members also discussed the necessity for a transfer from the Reserve Fund necessitated by unusual amount of hearings during FY '06. *Action: D. Willoughby will see how much money Claudia/Accounting has put on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting.*

Members reviewed the Storm Water Management Plan memos issued by the DPW. D. Willoughby will invite L Hawkes and A. Tetreault to the January 19 meeting to discuss the Conservation Commission's roles and responsibilities.

Members received copies of the January through March 2006 meeting schedule.

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:03 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Willoughby
Administrative Clerk