

*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 25, 2007

Attending: T. Aicardi, D. Tinio, M. Ammendolia, P. Coffin and William Aten; A. Luby, 31 Madden Ave., Milford; Chief Horn; S. Smith, 188 Providence Road.

Meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. when a quorum was reached.

Members signed the negative Determination of Applicability for the nuisance vegetation treatment of Nipmuck Pond. Mr. Luby inquired into whether the lake could be treated no later than June 21 to accommodate people who stay at his lake house. *Action: D. Willoughby will contact Aquatic Control and see if this is acceptable to them and will notify Mr. Luby.*

Mr. Luby also asked about the continually high lake level. D. Tinio explained the removal of brush to allow better flow as well as the trapping of beavers in accordance with a permit has been done. The den is located at the beginning of the outlet.

7:52 p.m. T. Aicardi asked Chief Horn about the procedure when there is a gas spill in town. Chief Horn explained that the Fire Department mitigates immediately. In the case of the Xtra Mart spill barriers were put up to protect catch basins and the brook. Speedy Dry was put down. The DEP is notified and monitors the clean up. The clean up company takes over. The Chief reported that no gasoline got in the river and did not make it past the second catch basin. The DEP ordered borings below the catch basin. The gas delivery company pays for everything including material and personnel costs. Three hundred gallons of gasoline spilled. No more deliveries will be made until training has been done and he receives hazardous spill records. It was a different company that made the delivery than the one who was responsible for the spill last year. No more deliveries will be made when the facility is closed. A bell and lights outside and a light on a panel inside will be activated when a spill occurs. Chief Horn said he wanted pad locks on fuel tank and an attendant in the store needs to unlock the tank before filling. A float valve and another safety measure will be put in place. The DEP ordered that the clean up company would monitor the site for two years. Chief Horn will generate a written policy to notify the Conservation Commission, Board of Health and Administrative Assistant to the BOS in the event of a future spill. *Action: D. Willoughby to give Chief Horn a list of Conservation Commission members to be put on the contact list.* Chief. The Chief informed members that he did respond to M. Garagliano. The Chief plans to have a hazardous spill mock drill within one year that will involve the Conservation Commission, Board of Health and Administrative Assistant to the BOS.

8:15 p.m. Members reviewed and signed negative Determinations of Applicability for 68 Bates St. (24' X 26' addition) and 4 Morrison Drive (clear driveway).

8:16 p.m. T. Aicardi has not spoken to the owner of 2 Cadman Road yet. He will try to contact him.

8:17 p.m. D. Tinio to perform site visit to view replication area for issuance of Certification of Compliance.

8:20 p.m. Members reviewed and discussed Request for Extension Permit for Orders of Condition for Lot 4 Morrison Drive. D. Tinio made and M. Ammendolia seconded a motion to grant a two-year extension permit for the Order of Conditions for Lot 4 Morrison Drive. The motion carried unanimously.

T. Aicardi informed members that there is debris in the drainage easement the state has at 62 Cape Road. Roy Spindel owns the property. There is no wetland impact; however, D. Willoughby will ask K. Robertson's opinion as to whether the town has any jurisdiction.

8:30 p.m. S. Smith voiced her concern that the plans for the Bridlewood Village development can be changed. The Conservation Commission approved a six-lot subdivision. However, the developer is in land court because he wants to change it to a 12-house development. The Planning Board approved a nine-lot subdivision. Mrs. Smith is concerned because there is a cold-water fishery on the property. Six houses may not affect the water temperature but 12 might. Members assured her that the plans must be brought before the Commission again if they are changed in such a manner. *Action: D. Willoughby will see if the original Order of Conditions was recorded with the Registry of Deeds.*

8:50 p.m. Action: D. Willoughby to contact DEP Southeast Regional Circuit Rider to see his opinion on whether 310 CMR 10.53 (e) (g) exempts 50 Milford Street from having to file any paperwork with DEP.

M. Ammendolia made and P. Coffin seconded a motion to accept the Conservation Commission meeting minutes of January 4, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

Members agreed to the change their meeting dates from April 12th & 26th to April 5th and 19th. *Action: D. Willoughby to e-mail a list of scheduled meeting dates to members.*

P. Coffin informed members that he spoke with owner of Maple Farm Dairy. There was a small wetland silt was coming in. T. Aicardi explained that he reviewed the riding rink plan with Mike Salvadore. It involved cutting and filling. The silt fence was breached but Mike thought he would do more damage by going through the mud at the time. The area will be loamed and seeded; however, members were concerned about new erosion being created because of construction. *Action: D. Willoughby will invite M. Salvadore to next meeting to inquire about project.*

Members agreed to review draft of the Conservation Commissions Annual Report submittal to be discussed at next Con. Com. meeting.

Members reviewed fiscal year 2008 Budget Submittal. There was discussion regarding the price and extent of the weed treatment of Lake Nipmuc. Members would like a better understanding of how fee is established. *Action: D. Willoughby to invite representative from Aquatic Control to a future meeting.*

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Willoughby
Administrative Clerk