

*Timothy Aicardi, Chairman
Damon Tinio, Vice Chairman*



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William Aten
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TOWN OF MENDON

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

Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2007

Attending: T. Aicardi, D. Tinio, W. Aten, and P. Coffin; and M. Salvatore, contractor.

Meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. when a quorum was reached

Members reviewed the Request for Determination of Applicability for new construction at Lot F14A Northbridge Road, 81P lot. A motion was made by P. Coffin and was seconded by D. Tinio to sign a negative Determination of Applicability with a condition to put a deep sump and hay bales around the well. The motion carried unanimously.

Gerry Smith from Aquatic Control Technology explained process of aquatic management for Nipmuc Pond. Certain areas are targeted. Mr. Smith explained that because the pond was created mostly from groundwater and that there is limited access to it, there are not a lot of invasive plants. His company files a permit with the state each year regarding what chemicals are used. Chemicals are used are to affect plants only, not people or animals. A pre-treatment inspection includes an underwater camera to view what types of plants exist. There are no confirmed invasive plants in the pond to date. There may be a non-native species of milfoil. Mr. Smith proved booklets and information about different types of possible invasive plants. He requested if someone in the area does find one of the species, take a sample and send it to him. Damon will make sure the posting showing invasive plants is put up by the lake. He also provided pictures of sand in front of a catch basin on Route 16 near the pond with vegetation growing in it. Mr. Smith provided a revision to the 2006 year-end report with the date of the letter corrected. Mr. Smith delivered a 2007 Proposal for Aquatic Management Program at Nipmuc Pond that the Conservation Commission needs to sign on or before March 5. The board informed Mr. Smith that a landowner abutting the pond requested the treatment to be done by June 21.

8:11 p.m. Mr. Tinio left the meeting due to a previous commitment.

8:12 p.m. RDA/NOI 68 Washington Street-Septic Repair—S. Lajoie informed members that soil tests were done even though results were not part of the NOI. There were no hydric soils found. The upland area is marked on the plan. Members signed a positive Determination of Applicability because the work is within the Buffer Zone and will alter an Area subject to protection under the Wetlands Protection Act. Hay bales must be placed on the northern side along the tree line to the 93-contour line. P. Coffin made and W. Aten seconded a motion to approve the engineering plan for 68 Washington Street with the stipulation that the engineer provides a copy of the hydric soil test showing the soil is not hydric. The motion carried unanimously.

8:25 p.m. Adam Klein, Eagle Scout Project—Mr. Klein informed members that his Eagle Scout project is complete. A table from the Parks Department was put in the picnic area. He built benches for the trailhead. The entrance has wood chips placed upon it. There is also a letterbox there similar to a geo cache. He showed members pictures he took of the area. No trees were cut down that were over one-inch thick. Adam did not have to spend any of his own money. He was able to get donations for everything that was needed. He put in a total of 225 hours on the project. Members signed a letter acknowledging its completion.

8:40 p.m. Members reviewed the Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 174 Millville Road and the accompanying plan from Shea Engineering. Members signed the Certificate of Compliance.

D. Willoughby informed members of her discussion with Margo Clerkin, DEP Southeast Regional Circuit Rider, regarding 50 Milford Street. Upon hearing that the Sweets did not want to spend any money filing documentation, Margo indicated that at minimum they should have filled out a Request for Determination of Applicability that costs no money. Members directed Diane to call Mr. Sweet to have him come in and fill out an RDA.

T. Aicardi informed members that he still plans to meet with A. Tetreault to unblock an additional outlet on Nipmuc Pond.

D. Willoughby informed members that the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Office would be conducting a site visit for Sylvan Springs on Friday, February 23 at 1:30 p.m. They will meet on the third floor of Town Hall and will then proceed to the Sylvan Springs site.

Members reviewed mail.

P. Coffin made and W. Aten seconded a motion to accept the Conservation Commission meeting minutes of February 8, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Willoughby
Administrative Clerk