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TOWN OF MENDON

Conservation Commission
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Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2006

Attending: Tim, Peter, Bill and Damon; Bob Sweet, 50 Milford Street; John Andrews, Andrews Survey and Engineering; Gladys D'Alissandro, 76 Providence St., abutter; Anthony Gigliello, 49 Taft Ave., Fred Lapham, Shea Engineering; Elizabeth Mainini, Guerriere & Halnon, Inc.

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. when a quorum was reached.

7:35 p.m. 72 Providence Street, NOI, Mr. Andrews noted the closest distance to the wetland is 25 feet from the corner of the house. D. Willoughby explained the phone conversation she had with Sarah Haggerty from National Heritage. Sarah said the locus looks like it is for a site further up. She called the engineer who explained the plan is correct. If it is at 72 Providence it is near a protected habitat. If it is further up the street, it is in the habitat. Diane is waiting to receive this in writing. Mr. Andrews has received a letter from the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. The project is within a priority habitat. Mr. Andrews will have the area staked out so the commissioners can perform a site visit. Mr. Coffin requested the drainage be shown on the plan as well as limiting the height by making the basement a walkout. The hearing will be continued until May 4, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. pending approval from the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program and a site visit.

Elizabeth Mainini requested by phone earlier in the week to be taken out of order as she had a meeting in Milford tonight.

7:50 p.m. 49 Taft Avenue--Request for Determination. Mr. Gigliello requested to re-mortar the stonewall by hand digging. What is being dug out of the hole cannot be thrown onto the beach. Members determined there was no wetland impact.

P. Coffin said the person from the Army Corps of Engineers he spoke with recommended contacting the mosquito control board regarding the high lake level. F. Lapham agreed to mark the water line so Tim can pull another 2'-by-4' board from the dam.

8:00 p.m. Fred Shea asked members to pre-view the Sylvan Springs development plan. The Planning Board told him they do not want to see retaining walls higher than four feet. The wetland crossing is 12 to 14 feet high. There is 1500 square feet of wetland fill for the whole project. The replication areas were shown 2:1. There are two seven-foot high and one 14-foot high wall. There is a pre-cast concrete arch at three crossings. P. Coffin said he would rather see a parapet vs. a fence because a parapet is more attractive.

8:20 p.m. 1 Resthaven Road, NOI continued hearing. Members reviewed D. Wang's report. Elizabeth explained the current plans still have to be presented to the Planning Board. P. Coffin asked about the flood plain elevation nearest to the site. D. Wang requested watershed analysis and the square footage of catchment to determine if there is a perennial stream or whether MSGIS was used.

8:35 p.m. 3 Resthaven Road, NOI continued hearing. The wetland line, wetland flags and elevation of flood plain need to be noted on the plan. P. Coffin read the letter from the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. A turtle barrier is necessary; therefore, Mr. Coffin requested a detail be shown on the plan for an entrenched, continuous turtle barrier fence as well as hay bales and silt fence.

D. Tinio made and P. Coffin made a motion to continue Lots one and 2 Resthaven Road until the plan is revised. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting will be continued until May 4. E. Mainini requested to be placed at the end of the meeting, as she will be attending another meeting in Milford that same night. *Action: D. Willoughby will call her with a time.*

8:45 p.m. 50 Milford Street-Expired Order of Conditions continued -- Mr. Sweet requested to record the hearing. There were no objections. P. Coffin visited the site with a representative from the Army Corps of Engineers. There is an agricultural exemption for cranberry growers if it is an active cranberry bog. If the area is greater than one acre, a permit is needed. Mr. Sweet's project falls within Category 1, non-reporting permit which is for anything less than one acre. Mr. Sweet will give the Conservation Commission a copy of the Programmatic General Permit. Mr. Sweet said he would be in touch with the NRCS to make a plan. He will also talk to D. Lenthall to find out where he should locate the bog because it is not currently in a good location. P. Coffin gave verbal permission at the meeting to build a small garden in the buffer zone. B. Sweet will install a silt fence and hay bales. T. Aicardi requested the rock bank wall be stabilized. Mr. Sweet asked about cutting wood. P. Coffin said it could be cut in the winter when the swamp is frozen. D. Tinio made and P. Coffin seconded a motion to rescind the stop work order because Mr. Sweet is working with the NRCS to produce a plan. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Sweet will inform the committee if another meeting is scheduled with the NRCS.

9:06 p.m. 154 Uxbridge Road—Debris in wetland—D. Willoughby informed members that Mr. Champney has not yet responded to her letter requesting him to come to a Con. Com. meeting to close his order of conditions. T. Aicardi reported that when he visited the site it was spotless Shrubs and branches on the right-hand site were pushed near the wetland. T. Aicardi told Mr. Champney he needs to install a silt barrier so top soil would not go into the wetland. Tim didn't know whether this had been done. Residents are concerned because there are graves on the site. *Actions: D. Tinio to visit the site. D. Willoughby to send Mr. Champney another letter inviting him to come to a Conservation Commission meeting to close out open order of conditions.*

9:10 p.m. 38 Hartford Avenue East—T. Aicardi said that A. Tetreault requested water be controlled from going on roadway from the property. D. Tinio said silt fence is still in good condition. The house has been built, the driveway has been installed with gravel and the septic system has been installed. D. Tinio made and W. Aten seconded a motion to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance for 38 Hartford Avenue East. The motion carried unanimously.

Members reviewed engineering plan for Imperial Chrysler. P. Coffin questioned whether there would be any treatment of Stormwater. It looks like all runoff is going through a 30-inch concrete pipe. Members were concerned with volume of runoff from the parking area and whether that will be treated. They also questioned whether any analysis was done regarding the amount of drainage. Members will request a formal Stormwater review and that the 7200-gallon concrete stormceptor be located on the plan.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:45 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Willoughby
Administrative Clerk