

*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 May 18, 2006

Attending: Tim, Damon, Peter, Bill and Mike; Barbara Adams, 9 Sandra Circle; Desheng Wang, Carr Research Lab, Inc.; Fred Lapham, Shea Engineering; and Elizabeth Mainini, Guerriere & Halnon, Inc.

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

7:30 p.m. Request for Determination, 9 Sandra Circle, B. Adams explained that every year in back of the pool they lose more and more ground due to deterioration. The pool deck is cracking. Shea Engineering recommended putting riprap by the hay bale line. She would also like to dress up the driveway, extend it, remove shrubs and make the area more flat by put flowering shrubs in to stop erosion. The area is flagged. She still needs to get quotes to see how expensive the plan will be. M. Ammendolia made and P. Coffin seconded a motion to give a negative determination as long as whoever performs the work per the engineering plan leaves the flags in place and must stay inside them. The motion carried unanimously. B. Adams said the abutter is aware of the work that will be done. P. Coffin and D. Wang suggested using creeping juniper with mulch to keep the dirt on the slope in place. F. Lapham will revise the plan with suggested changes. Hay bales and silt fence must be in place at the critical area before work begins.

7:55 p.m. Sylvan Springs Definitive Plan Review, F. Lapham explained that the Planning Board is looking at a waiver to minimize the amount of fill in the wetland and pavement width. The Planning Board wanted no more than four-foot high retaining walls. No fence would be required. Waivers discussed included one-to-one slope, 1300 to 1400 square feet with vertical retaining walls, 5300 to 5400 square feet of altered area with four-foot retaining walls and 26-foot wide paved way for length of whole road. Fred noted part of Northbridge Road is less than 26 feet wide. D. Tinio felt that a road that narrow is not safe. To minimize wetland fill they will have a 12-foot span arch for the stream to go under. There will be no pipes; therefore, it will be a natural streambed. F. Lapham brought 100' scale erosion control plans that shows the 100-foot buffer zones and wetland crossings. F. Lapham provided a plan over-laid onto the assessor's map. They will be filing Notices of Intent in two to three weeks. The Resource Area Determination was done June 2004. D. Wang asked how the commissioners felt about 1:1 slope with riprap at the wetland crossing by using a 12-foot arch. M. Ammendolia explained that they want to see a minimal amount of wetland impact. Fred made the point that out of 113 acres there is only 5,000 square feet of disturbance. Replication plan will be greater than 2:1. The Planning Board public hearing is June 12, 2006. Fred will supply three alternative analysis plans for the June 1, 2006 Conservation Commission meeting. Possible alternatives will be vertical wall impacts with 1300 square feet of wetlands, shrinking of road width and different locations of crossings.

8:40 p.m. #1 and #3 Resthaven Road, Members requested that they inspect the turtle barrier before construction begins. M. Ammendolia made and W. Aten seconded a motion to approve #1 and #3 Resthaven Road as revised per the botanist's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously. E. Mainini will amend the NOI's to show the correct lot numbers and she will send copies of page 1 to the DEP.

Members reviewed D. Wang's e-mail regarding 21 Millville Road site visit.

Members signed the 10 North Avenue, Clough, Certificate of Compliance.

M. Ammendolia informed members that he received an e-mail from S. Cutler , which she received from A. Mazar, that a member from the Conservation Commission did not attend the CPA meeting. D. Tinio apologized for not realizing he needed to attend.

T. Aicardi informed members that residents tried to tear down the obstruction causing the lake level to be high. The level dropped two to three feet on shore but it went back up after the rainfall. *Action: T. Aicardi will work with D. Willoughby next Tuesday to submit the beaver permit to the Board of Health.*

D. Willoughby informed members that four, \$25 gift certificates were awarded to winners of the Annual Town Cleanup Poster Contest. The Mendon Conservation Commission paid for three of those.

D. Willoughby reported that R. Champney said silt fence and hay bales have been installed on his site, 154 Uxbridge Road. D. Tinio will perform site visit.

Actions: T. Aicardi will perform site visits for Requests for Determination of Applicability at 47 Washington Street and 56 Blackstone Street. D. Tinio will perform the site visit for 8 Mowry Street.

Members reviewed the Superceding Order of Conditions for 57 Park Street. F. Shea had already sent updated plans to the Con. Com. P. Coffin asked that trees be marked appropriately. T. Aicardi requested that Fred make whoever is building the house aware that trees need to be saved. Fred agreed.

D. Tinio informed members that Robert Lapan of 8 Cadman Road would like to build a two-car attached garage 20 feet into the buffer zone. D. Willoughby will place a legal ad in the paper to hold the hearing on June 1, 2006.

A motion was made by M. Ammendolia and was seconded by D. Tinio to approve the minutes of May 4, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

Members read R. Duff's review of Imperial Chrysler's plan. P. Coffin questioned amount of landscaped area. D. Tinio said the Planning Board would respond to the Conservation Commission's comments.

Action: D. Willoughby will invite Miscoe Springs to the next Conservation Commission meeting to discuss the installation of new catch basins. T. Aicardi asked members to perform site visits.

Members reviewed Tennessee Gas Pipeline's letter.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:44 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Willoughby
Administrative Clerk