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*Michael Ammendolia
William Aten
Peter Coffin*

TOWN OF MENDON

Conservation Commission

Mendon Town Hall

20 Main Street

Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2007

Attending: T. Aicardi, M. Ammendolia, P. Coffin, W. Aten and D. Tinio; R. Sweet, 50 Milford St.; F. Lapham, Shea Engineering; Brian & Jerilyn Clark, 27 Providence St.; Juna Testa, 39 Providence St.; J. Andrews, Andrews Survey & Engineering.

Meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m. when a quorum was reached.

Members reviewed several Requests for Determinations (RDA) approved since May 10, 2007.

T. Aicardi informed members that he performed a site visit at 34 Lovell Street. Owners want to repair their stonewall alongside their yard near the wetland and extend into front yard. They would also like to install a pool on a flat spot in their yard. They will add more boulders to the retaining wall and install a pool. They will install silt fence or hay bales and will not go beyond. Members signed the determination.

T. Aicardi performed site visit to 18 Mowry Street. Owner wants to build single-car attached garage on the left side of the house as facing from the street. Members signed a negative determination of no wetland impact.

M. Ammendolia and W. Aten performed site visit at 38 Blackstone Street for RDA to construct a 2-car, attached garage on left side as facing the house. Members signed a negative determination of no wetland impact.

T. Aicardi performed site visit at 44 Crestview Drive for RDA to install a pool. Members signed a negative determination. There was no wetland impact.

7:45 p.m. Notice of Intent -- 115 Blackstone Street--A five-bedroom, single-family house is to be built 1000 feet off Blackstone Street. Work is being done in the buffer zone. [D. Tinio arrived 7:50 p.m.]

T. Aicardi requested hay bales and silt fence be installed on both slopes and one at the top. W. Aten requested a site walk. It was scheduled for Saturday, June 2 at 9:00 a.m. Members requested stakes be placed where the house and garage will be, hay bale line and where septic system will be prior to the visit. M. Ammendolia made and D. Tinio seconded a motion to continue the hearing for 115 Blackstone Street until 8:00 p.m. on June 7, 2007.

8:00 p.m. Notice of Intent – 19 Providence Street—Owner would like to build a wetland crossing to get to a storage building he may build in the future. T. Aicardi asked J. Andrews to find out what the size of the building will be. [P. Coffin left meeting at 8:10 p.m.] A site walk is scheduled for Saturday, June 2 at 10:30 a.m. M. Ammendolia made and D. Tinio seconded a motion to continue the hearing until June 7, 2007 at 8:15 p.m.

8:15 p.m. Members reviewed an RDA for 50 Asylum Street. The owner would like to build a 16' X 45' addition with poured concrete and a 26' X 28' porch with concrete footings. D. Tinio will perform a site visit.

T. Aicardi signed off on an all-alcohol license for Fresco's Restaurant and a new license for a kennel at 10 Bellingham Street.

Members signed Certificates of Compliance for 10 Hartford Avenue West and 68 Kinsley Lane. D. Willoughby will not issue them until T. Aicardi performs a site visit and approves them.

D. Tinio reported that the level of Lake Nipmuc is still going down.

T. Aicardi had spoken with A. Tetreault regarding a Request for a Determination to widen a section at the Park Street and Pleasant Street crossing. A tree needs to be removed in the summer on Pleasant Street. Members signed a negative determination indicating there would be no wetland impact if best management practices were used.

M. Ammendolia made and W. Aten seconded a motion to accept the Conservation Commission meeting minutes of May 10, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

T. Aicardi to look into 50-foot dead pine tree near 15 Puddingstone Lane.

D. Willoughby reported that Steven Bonavita, with the Central Mass. Regional Planning Agency, does not feel comfortable attending a Mendon Conservation Commission meeting to discuss obtaining a list of springs that are located in Mendon. He does not want to appear to favor one community over another in his search for a spring for an out-of-state entity.

D. Willoughby informed members that in order for a town to have voting alternates on the Conservation Commission there must be a charter provision or a special act of the Legislature. Members agreed they did not want to pursue either one of these. *Action: D. Willoughby to find out when all the members' terms are up.*

Members will review the Cobbler's Knoll construction report they received.

Action: D. Willoughby to let M. McCue know that the Conservation Commission would like him to research a grant opportunity to obtain a color printer. This printer would be used to print photos of site visits.

D. Willoughby read the note Howard Phipps wrote to M. McCue regarding Founder Park.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Willoughby
Administrative Clerk