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TOWN OF MENDON

Conservation Commission

Mendon Town Hall

20 Main Street

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Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2006

Attending: Tim, Damon, Mike, Bill and Peter; Desheng Wang and Wenjun Cao, Carr Research Laboratory, Inc; Fred Lapham, Shea Engineering; Barbara Daniels, 13 Leonard Road; John Mirabito, Fay, Spofford and Thorndike; Bruce Griffin, New England Environmental; Samil Moussa and Hikmah Hannaw, Hopedale Mart; Brian Koch, Hopedale Bible Chapel; Bill Slavin 145 Hartford Ave. East; Matt Lynch, Milford Daily News; Patricia Rhoades, Community Bible Chapel and Dick Skinner, 143 Hartford Ave. East.

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

M. Ammendolia made and D. Tinio seconded a motion to accept the Conservation Commission meeting minutes of August 3, 2006. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Lapham informed members that a new Massachusetts General Law took effect on August 10, 2006 that says a member on a board or committee can only miss one hearing or meeting and still vote at a subsequent meeting if he/she listens to a recording of the missed meeting. Members agreed to hear the Sylvan Springs out of order in the hopes that P. Coffin would join the meeting. Action: D. Willoughby to find out from MACC the commission's ability to continue a hearing if a member is not present.

M. Ammendolia made and W. Aten seconded a motion to sign the Certificate of Compliance for 6 Willowbrook Drive. The motion carried unanimously.

13 Hartford Avenue East, Members reviewed the Request for Determination to construct a garage 50 feet away from Muddy Brook. Members signed the positive determination. The owner must submit a Notice of Intent.

26 Bellingham St. Request for Determination, D. Tinio explained he signed a Determination for James Ferrucci in order for him to make an emergency septic repair. As the engineer already filed a NOI with the DEP, but not with the Conservation Commission, D. Willoughby will type a determination listing that silt fence or hay bales must be erected around the area and copy the DEP. Members signed the negative determination; work is in the buffer zone. Must hay bale all excavated area until slope is secure. Action: Diane will obtain engineering plan from Andrews Surveying.

Action: T. Aicardi will perform site visit for Request for Determination at 3 Pleasant St. The applicant wants to build a 12' X 25'-addition on the back of their house.

7:45 p.m. Sylvan Springs, Wenjun Cao presented plans. They anticipate getting waivers from the Planning Board for the 1:1 slope and 28' of pavement instead of 30'. A presentation outline was distributed with details of the project. There are 54 lots in Mendon. There are open bottom arches at the wetland crossings. Wenjun said there would be no disturbance other than the areas at the crossings. M. Ammendolia questioned how there could be no disturbance when the footings are being installed within the crossing. F. Lapham clarified by saying the disturbance will be temporary. There will be 11 feet of fill at the crossing. The center of the road has been staked every 100 feet. Crossings are marked by stations. Wildlife habitat evaluation flags are up. Engineers will be filing with MEPA. Members requested a drawing that shows the elevation of the culvert from the side in order to see the wall and slope. Shea Engineering will be filing for a water quality certificate. They will also be contacting the Army Corps of Engineers. Members requested center line and four corners of disturbance be marked with flags or stakes and be marked on a sketch to assist members

during site visit. Fred said he could have this done by tomorrow. Members said they would like the six retention basins marked for a future site visit. M. Ammendolia made and D. Tinio seconded a motion to continue the hearing for Sylvan Springs on September 7 at 7:50 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

8:40 Hartford Avenue East Road Improvements, NOI, Engineers explained how catch basins are piped toward wetland. The pipe near the driveway on Hartford Ave. East on 1 Cape Road, Pop 'n Cork, will be replaced. They will be using a grass-lined swale and water will be diverted under the driveway. A deep-sump basin will be used. Mr. Skinner voiced concern about the drainage near his property on 143 Hartford Ave. E. The engineer said that they would not be doing alterations near his property. Members requested the following:

- A profile of the elevation before the swale and of the plunge pool
- The swale needs to be flagged.
- The end of the pipes need to be staked
- Road elevation
- Full cross-section elevation of the swale
- Depth of sump for drainage basin

There will be 724 feet of replication and a 3:1 slope. A copy of the NOI went to the owner of 1 Cape Road who lives in St. Croix. Only the wetland delineation is currently flagged. Patricia was concerned about the tree near the granite curb by the church. John Mirabito explained that no widening of the road would be done in that area. The gas station owners were concerned that their business would be shut down during business hours. Members responded that this concern is under the Planning Board's jurisdiction. Construction is expected to begin next spring. New stamped plans were given to the committee. M. Ammendolia made and P. Coffin seconded a motion to continue the hearing for Hartford Ave. E. to September 21 at 7:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Skinner was asked to hold his drainage question regarding northbound two lanes on southbound side. Members requested that D. Willoughby not schedule any other hearings for Sept. 21.

Peter Coffin left the room prior to discussion of Lot 1 Quissett Road due to conflict of interest.

9:20 p.m. NOI hearing continued for Lot 1 Quissett Road. Members performed site visit and were satisfied. M. Ammendolia made and D. Tinio seconded a motion to sign the Order of Conditions for Lot 1 Quissett Road. The motion carried unanimously.

P. Coffin re-joined meeting.

Members discussed the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. They agreed that the town would not be able to fund 25 percent of the money granted.

D. Willoughby informed members that the Open Space Preservation Workshop conflicts with the normal meeting schedule of the Conservation Commission. Members agreed the Admin. Clerk should not attend the workshop.

Members did not feel that the Gift Barn purchase would further enhance the Conservation Commission in serving the town.

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Willoughby
Administrative Clerk