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TOWN OF MENDON

Conservation Commission

Mendon Town Hall

20 Main Street

Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2007

Attending: T. Aicardi, W. Aten and P. Coffin; Deborah & Thomas Lane, 38 Vincent Rd.; R. Sweet, 50 Milford Street; and Ron Bloch, 17 Ashkins Dr.

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

Members reviewed Requests for Determinations (RDA) for 39 Bates St. and 4 Elm Street. T. Aicardi performed the site visits. There was no wetland impact on either property.

7:45 p.m. NOI hearing continuance for Lot 1 North Avenue—D. Willoughby informed members that Peter Lavoie called to apologize that the stakes have not been put up yet. He requested a continuance until September 27 at 7:45 p.m. He will call the office when the stakes are in.

D. Willoughby informed members that she spoke with M. Ahmed regarding his phone call indicating he was not going to come to a Con. Com. Meeting to discuss his plans for the Bridlewood Subdivision. He indicated that he was going to wait for the results of the ZBA issue being resolved and the Planning Board sign off. He did not want to present another set of plans if they were not going to be approved by those boards. He said he would not put a shovel in the ground without Con. Com. approval. *Action: D. Willoughby to send the ZBA, Planning Board, Zoning Board and Building Department requesting they inform the Con. Com. with any decisions or approvals they make.* Mr. Block was concerned that the aquifer would be depleted if 20 houses were to be built. The commissioners explained that that issue is not a consideration of this Committee under the Wetland Protection Act.

T. Aicardi showed Mr. Hilliard the aerial photo that was provided by P. Nadeau, DEP, due to a complaint. Mr. Hilliard explained that property is considered a 61A farm designation. He has put in a riding rink and dug a watering hole for his animals. He estimated that at the widest point it is 54 feet and 64' at its longest. His is building two arenas and owns 10 acres. Mr. Coffin directed Mr. Hilliard to contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to file a plan. When a wetland is involved, the owner must make sure the area is protected and managed properly. T. Aicardi gave the photo to Mr. Hilliard. *Action: D. Willoughby will send the information regarding NRCS to Mr. Hilliard.*

Members reviewed a letter from Jon Rosenfeld regarding excavation equipment at 161 Millville Road. The abutter was concerned because tree cutting equipment has moved in without the owner having a building permit, Order of Conditions or approved plan. *Action: D. Willoughby to inform Mr. Salvador of the letter and make sure he is just performing work which was approved on the Request for Determination of Applicability.*

Members also discussed the complaint that there is runoff from the North Avenue is where Mr. Salvador is working. T. Aicardi updated P. Coffin, who was not at a prior meeting when this was discussed. T. Aicardi had asked Mr. Salvador if the silt fence was still up. Mike confirmed that there was no runoff and the silt fence was still up. P. Coffin wondered whether the runoff off was old from before the silt fence was up.

W. Aten made and T. Aicardi seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 23, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

Members discussed the survey of streams Mr. Lapham is doing. Fred asked if a member of the Commission could accompany him on at least one of his surveys. P. Coffin was concerned because of the dry spell the area seems to be experiencing and wonders about the criteria to determine whether there is a true dry spell.

Members reviewed the request for a temporary trailer permit from William Marley on 43 Blackstone Street. Members agreed that since there will be no digging or altering of a wetland, D. Willoughby can sign the License Routing Slip on behalf of the Conservation Commission.

Members reviewed the letter informing them of a pre-application for the Hazard Mitigation Grant program. They did not feel it would apply to Mendon.

Members received the cover letter from S. Smith and the attached Accessory Unit Bylaw. Members will review it for the next meeting and will provide comments at that time.

Members reviewed the list of MACC publications available for order. Members agreed that the Northern Forested Wetlands: Ecology & Mgmt. book provided more information than was needed considering its price of \$130. *Action: D. Willoughby to order several other guides and pamphlets.*

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Willoughby
Administrative Clerk