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TOWN OF MENDON

Conservation Commission

Mendon Town Hall

20 Main Street

Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2008

Attending: T. Aicardi, W. Aten and P. Coffin and D. Tinio; Fred Lapham, Shea Engineering; Shirley Smith 188 Providence Street and Robert Sweet, 50 Milford Street.

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Members reviewed a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for 212 Providence Street. Members had reviewed the plan in December and asked Mr. Allaire to stake out the house box. Andrews surveying delivered a sewage disposal plan dated October 2005. Members signed a negative determination.

F. Lapham reported that he did a site walk of Miscoe Springs. He is working on possibly getting an easement from Bruce Wheeler for an aboveground siltation basin that would extend. He would also like to propose new paved berm along Northbridge Road. He will take soil samples from the wetland to determine whether it is the same as what is in the catch basins.

F. Lapham requested a Certificate of Compliance for 58 Mowry Street. It is rough graded. The septic system is installed. It needs fine grading and loaming. The silt fence and hay bales are still in place. P. Coffin made and D. Tinio seconded a motion to grant partial Certificate of Compliance. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Willoughby informed members that there is an as-built plan for the septic system at 105 Providence Street. The OOC was never recorded. No action needs to be taken.

Shirley Smith reported that the Blackstone River Watershed Association completed a shoreline survey. The Hopedale Country Club uses chemicals to fertilize which flows into the Mill River on Hartford Avenue East in Mendon. The BRWA would like the fertilization to be done further away from the body of water. High levels of nitrates and orthophosphates were found in the river as well as sediment. The survey showed that silt flows from all four corners of the bridge on Bellingham Street. *Action: D. Willoughby to send a letter to A. Tetreault to see if there is any way to place stones in that area to mitigate silt getting into the water and filling in the river. She will also invite Mr. Tetreault to the February meeting to discuss aforementioned issues.* The water quality, temperature, and oxygen level were good in Muddy Brook on Route 16 near the drive in. *Action: D. Willoughby to send Shirley what plants are treated at Lake Nipmuc, what chemicals are used and when the lake is treated for Lake Nipmuc Association.*

P. Coffin made and W. Aten seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 19, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

W. Aten made and T. Aicardi seconded a motion to have D. Tinio take over the Chairman position for the Conservation Commission. The motion carried unanimously. Damon agreed to take the position of Chairman.

W. Aten made and T. Aicardi seconded a motion to have P. Coffin take over the Vice Chairman position for the Conservation Commission. The motion carried unanimously. Peter agreed to take over the position of Vice Chairman.

D. Tinio performed site visit to Mr. Fino's property on Millville Street. He did not observe any dumping on the left side of his property as reported to the Con. Com. Neither D. Tinio nor T. Aicardi saw any problems near the wetland. Members agreed to keep an eye on the area.

T. Aicardi reported that he could not see the condition of the siltation barrier due to the weather. *Action: D. Tinio will call Jason Tetreault, owner, to get a status on the siltation barrier.*

P. Coffin made and D. Tinio seconded a motion to give a two-year Extension Permit for Order of Conditions for 4 Stymast Drive. The motion carried unanimously.

P. Coffin made and D. Tinio seconded a motion to give a two-year Extension Permit for Order of Conditions for 38 Hartford Avenue East. The motion carried unanimously.

Members discussed the fiscal year 2009 budget and ways to cut back on expenses. Members agreed to change the budgets for the following line items in contrast to FY 08: \$600 for the Travel and Training line item and \$500 for New Equipment. *Action: D. Willoughby will order a new printer that will provide better quality photos for the department's records.*

Members reviewed the site plan for Milford National Bank. Members agreed there would be no wetland impact if work were performed in accordance with the plan. Members also reviewed the decisions made by the ZBA for 61 Milford Street and Country Hills Plaza.

Members acknowledged A. Tetreault's memo that clarified that his concerns with Lake Nipmuc did not include oil and grease runoff.

Action: D. Willoughby to call Emerson White to ask him to contact the office before he selects a tree cutter as the Town of Mendon has had problems with a tree cutter in the past.

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Willoughby
Administrative Clerk