

*Damon Tinio, Chairman
Peter Coffin, Vice Chairman*



*Timothy Aicardi
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TOWN OF MENDON

Conservation Commission
Mendon Town Hall
20 Main Street
Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2008

Attending: D. Tinio, P. Coffin, T. Aicardi, and M. Ammendolia, Tinio; Bob Poxon, Guerriere & Halnon; and Robert Sweet, 50 Milford Street.

Meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m.

D. Tinio reported that he performed site visits at 15 & 35 Vincent Road in response to Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA). Owners wanted to remove their existing decks and construct 3-season porches w/ poured concrete footings. There was no wetland impact. Members signed the negative determination.

7:45 p.m. Members signed a negative determination for the treatment of Nipmuc Pond for nuisance vegetation. There was no wetland impact.

Members discussed the site visit to Lake Nipmuc with the DEP on Wed., March 26 at 10:30 a.m. Damon noted that there is a sand bar extending 40 feet out from the Route 16 catch basin. Someone from the Conservation Commission will bring the department's camera to take pictures. *Action: D. Willoughby to contact the Milford Daily News, Town Crier and WMRC.*

Members reviewed the RDA for 21 Millville Road. Mr. Fino, owner, would like to build an addition and in-ground pool. Members agreed that silt fence and hay bales must be placed on the left corner of the house and along the 100-foot buffer zone to the well. Owner must call when hay bales are in place for an inspection to be scheduled. Members signed the negative determination. Members also signed the Certificate of Compliance for the sewage disposal system. The Order of Conditions had expired on October 26, 2003 and only a Partial Certificate of Compliance had been issued. Members agreed to leave the existing Order of Conditions open as it will not expire until June 22, 2009.

Members approved the draft letter to the Director of Fisheries and Wildlife notifying him that his property on 212 Providence Street on which he plans to construct a single-family house is in a priority habitat of rare species and also estimated habitat of rare wildlife.

D. Willoughby informed members that she has not heard from Mr. Hilliard regarding his plan for his property on 60 North Avenue. Nor has she gotten confirmation from Phil Nadeau that Mr. Hilliard has prepared a plan. *Action: D. Willoughby to invite Mr. Hilliard to the next Conservation Commission meeting.*

8:00 p.m. NOI hearing 18 Kinsley Lane, Bob Poxon presented the plan for a 26' X 34' house and 2500 gallon tight tank in the buffer. The existing stone foundation will be replaced and rocks as well as existing tank will be removed from the site. Members will perform a site visit on Wed., March 12 at 5:30 p.m. The hearing will be continued to the next Conservation Commission meeting. *Action: D. Willoughby will call Bob with date and time.*

R. Sweet asked members what determines the existence of a wetland. D. Tinio suggested Mr. Sweet get estimates from different soil testing companies to analyze his property and make a delineation. Mr. Sweet was concerned about the cost of the survey that D. Wang is performing.

Members discussed the Conservation Restriction for the Fino Property. Members liked the idea of adding a conservation restriction to the 200-foot buffer. *Action: D. Willoughby to arrange meeting with Community Preservation Committee and Selectmen prior to the Annual Town meeting to further discuss details.*

D. Tinio reported that he spoke with Jason Tetreault regarding the status of the siltation barrier at Lot 2 Quissett Road. Jason put hay bales across the driveway to keep water from running down it. The hay bales were intact near the crossing. Members agreed to drive by periodically.

Fred Lapham provided the following update per a phone conversation to D. Willoughby. He completed the topography on R. Sweet's property at 50 Milford Street and he has started to flag the wetlands and Miscoe Springs.

Members discussed need for \$500 in FY 09 New Equipment budget. Members and Diane agreed that any purchases that need to be made could be done so in FY 08. There is enough money to purchase a memory stick and office chair with some money left over.

P. Coffin made and T. Aicardi seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 7, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

Action: D. Willoughby to look up origin of complaint date of December 2, 2007.

D. Willoughby informed members about the USDA study of invasive wood boring bark beetles on the Nipmuc Conservation Land on Taft Ave. The study will be conducted between March and October and will begin in 1.5 weeks. Three traps will be set with lures and will hang four feet off the ground. They are three feet long. There will be no environmental impact.

Members agreed upon the following Thursday meeting dates: March 20, April 10 and 24, May 8 and 22 and June 12.

Members approved D. Willoughby's request to hold office hours on Wednesday and Thursday during the week of April 21 to accommodate her travel plans.

D. Willoughby informed members Chief Horn is planning to have Sheriff's Department perform annual town cleanup instead of the Conservation Commission, Lion's Club and Upton Men's Club due to safety concerns. Diane expressed wishes to find a small, enclosed area that volunteers could safely handle. She will discuss it with the Parks Department.

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Willoughby
Administrative Clerk