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Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2008

Attending: D. Tinio, P. Coffin, Bill Aten and M. Ammendolia, Bob Poxon, Guerriere & Halnon; and Robert Sweet, 50 Milford Street; Ruth O'Grady, 205 Providence Rd; Pat Ghelli, 42 Milford Street; Millie Kampersal, 387 South St., Holliston; Lisa May, 52 Milford Street; Donna Grasseschi, and Bob Forte, 49 Uxbridge Rd; Carla Harmon, 47 Vincent Road; F. Lapham, Shea Engineering; Mike Salvador, P. O. Box 4; Keith Miranda, 39 Vincent Rd.; Howard F. Phipps, 91 North Avenue; and Robert Tremblay, 52 Northbridge Rd.

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

7:35 p.m. R. Poxon presented the Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for 43 Bellingham Street. The existing septic system will be dug up and replaced. It is located in the front lawn area. The leftover stone and pipe will be trucked away off site. A line of hay bales will be placed on the right side of the driveway. Silt fence and hay bales will be placed on the left-hand side of the driveway. D. Tinio made and P. Coffin seconded a motion to accept the engineering plan for 43 Bellingham Street as presented with the addition of erosion control discussed. The motion carried unanimously. Members signed the determination

D. Tinio informed members that he did a site visit at 29 Asylum Street. The owner requested a determination to construct a 5' X 10' deck. There will be no wetland impact. Members signed the negative determination.

D. Tinio also performed a site visit at 4 Elm Street. The owner requested a determination to erect a fence along the roadway and concrete patio around the pool, approximately 50' X 20'. There will be no wetland impact. Members signed the negative determination.

Members reviewed the Request for a Determination of Applicability for 64 Hartford Avenue East. The owner would like to replace a 12' X 18' deck with an additional extension of 8' X 15' on the side. It will be on poured concrete footings. *Action: P. Coffin will perform site visit.*

7:45 p.m. Donna Grasseschi and Bob Forte spoke with the board about runoff from 45/49 Uxbridge Road. D. Tinio informed them that he met with Mass Highway and they determined that dirt is running down the hill and into the lake. Damon suggested putting asphalt berm down the left side going up the driveway to stop the runoff before it gets into the catch basin. Donna acknowledged that Marathon Dumpster needs to be cleaned up. Gravel is also running down the hill from the cell tower. Donna said that it is the responsibility of whoever is leasing the properties to the berm or stone in. *Action: D. Willoughby to send a letter if there is no response with a status in 30 days.*

7:55 p.m. Mr. Tremblay requested a determination in order to remove 6 trees that are outside of the buffer zone on his property at 52 Northbridge Road. Mildew is forming on the clapboard on his house. He plans to loam and seed the back yard. He plans to remove the stumps with a machine. Mr. Coffin informed Mr. Tremblay that there would be less disruption if stumps were ground up. Members directed Mr. Tremblay to place silt fence and hay bales along the current hay bale line and to keep the contractor away from the wetland. Mr. Tremblay shall call the Con. Com. office when the hay bales are in place.

M. Ammendolia joined the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m. 45/47 Taft Avenue, Town Beach NOI, Mr. Lapham presented the engineering plan. Regulations stipulate that a tight tank can be used if a conventional one is not possible. It will be installed in the buffer zone. There are two separate septic systems on the site because of high use. There are floats for the alarm in case the system gets too full. The wells have been tested. There are wells on the property as well as on nearby property. Therefore, there will be two, 2,000 gallon, tight tanks--one for each building. They are sized for 500 percent of daily flow. The facility is open 59 days per year. There is drilled well on the property. It would qualify for a public water supply if the usage were 60 days or more. M. Ammendolia wanted to know facts about the beach use to determine if it should be considered a public water supply. F. Lapham assured members that there is nothing wrong with the well. Action: D. Willoughby to ask the Parks Department the aforementioned questions and invite them into the next Conservation Commission meeting. P. Coffin made and M. Ammendolia seconded a motion to accept the engineering plan for 45/47 Taft Avenue with the conditions discussed. The motion carried unanimously.

8:15 p.m. 50 Milford Street--Members asked Mr. Sweet if he had the paper work from the botanist. Mr. Sweet replied that Desheng Wang did not do a soil evaluation. D. Tinio reiterated that the Sweets were supposed to get the soil tested. The Sweets informed members that they had started the building turnaround. Mr. Sweet asked if Conservation Commission documentation was subject to public view. Mr. Tinio replied that it is but the town can charge \$.20 per page for copies. Mr. Sweet asked if each job needs a DEP#. Members explained that if a Notice of Intent is filed with the Department of Environmental Protection, it does. Mr. Sweet contacted Tennessee Gas who will be marking their easement. Mr. Sweet wanted to go on record as having requested site visits to his property four times. Mr. Tinio was the only member who could attend the initial site visit that was scheduled. Mr. Sweet told the Commissioners that the Army Corps of Engineers said trees could be cut as long as they were not cut in the growing season. P. Ghelli said she had a problem with high water level last spring and has never before. Mr. Sweet did adjust the level but she was concerned that it may happen again when Mr. Sweet is not available.

Mr. Sweet presented a plan that he drew for the driveway. He showed the replication area and where he wants another bog. Members explained again that they still need to know where the wetland is located. Mr. Sweet said He proposed to replicate what he assumes the wetland is and make a new bog. Mr. Coffin explained that an exact replication area of the same type that was taken away must be replicated. Not just a cranberry bog. The only way to do that is to have a soil test performed by a specialist. Mr. Tinio explained that the cease and desist still exists until he gets soil samples. He also said that there are a lot of violations on the site. Mr. Sweet responded that there will be a lot more violations. M. Ammendolia said he was not happy with the misrepresentation of the facts regarding the request for delineation of the wetlands. Action: D. Willoughby to send copy of cease and desist letter to DEP.

M. Ammendolia stepped out to attend another meeting.

8:50 p.m. 79 North Avenue RDA—Members reviewed the engineering plan for the riding rink & barn at M. Hood's property. M. Salvador noted check dams and catch basins. The site has an agricultural exemption. Members required that the existing slope be stabilized as soon as possible.

Members signed Complete Certificate of Compliance for 47 Vincent Road.

M. Ammendolia returned to the meeting.

9:05 p.m. 39 Vincent Road NOI--D. Tinio performed site visit. It is a habitat area and F. Lapham filed with National Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP). An access road will be created for the work area. There will be 1:1 riprap. Boulders, which were created from blasting when the house was built, can be put under the slope. Hay bales and silt fence are indicated on the plan. M. Ammendolia made and W. Aten seconded a motion to accept the engineering plan for 39 Vincent Road as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Howard Phipps informed members that four trees around the fire tower need to be trimmed approximately 15 to 20 feet off the top to improve visibility. Action: D. Willoughby to write a letter to the District Fire Warden indicating the boards approval of this request.

3 Resthaven Road Certificate of Compliance—The yard has been seeded and loamed. M. Ammendolia made and W. Aten seconded a motion to issue the COC. The motion carried unanimously.

Members reviewed the RDA for 47 Washington Street and determined a NOI needs to be filed.

9:29 p.m. M. Ammendolia left the meeting.

Members signed the license Board of Selectmen License Routing Slips for Barry's Place, Mendon Driving Range, Mendon Twin Drive In, Southwick Wild Animal Zoo, Imperial Ford, and Gene Milbier's Kennel License Renewal.

Members read e-mail from K. Rudden regarding the Eagle Scout project of making a passageway for a carry-in boat ramp. If the project simply involves cleaning up the area to allow passage, it will not need an RDA.

P. Coffin made and W. Aten seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 20, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

Members reviewed the annual report update letter for the Stormwater Management Program.

Members reviewed the Miscoe Springs Catch Basin Inspection Log. On the six days between February 27, 2008 and March 28, 2008 the comments were, "Called to be cleaned". *Action: P. Coffin will perform site visit.*

Members will review preliminary plans for Butler Estates at the next scheduled meeting if they are available.

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Willoughby
Administrative Clerk