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*Timothy Aicardi  
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William Aten*

## TOWN OF MENDON

Conservation Commission

Mendon Town Hall

20 Main Street

Mendon, Massachusetts 01756

### Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2008

Attending: P. Coffin, T. Aicardi and W. Aten; Robert Sweet, 50 Milford Street; Pat Ghelli, 42 Milford Street; Ted Hilliard, 60 North Avenue; and AJ Byrne, 73 Hartford Avenue East.

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. when a quorum was reached.

7:45 p.m. Mr. Hilliard explained to members that he did not receive the e-mail D. Willoughby sent to him on September 11, 2007, as he is not accustomed to using his computer. D. Willoughby provided a copy of the e-mail. Mr. Hilliard read it aloud and he said he would have a plan done for his pond that is used for fire protection and horses. He will have D. Lenthall visit his property. Mr. Hilliard explained that he currently works with farm counsel and may be able to use his services for the farm management plan.

R. Sweet informed members that D. Lenthall, NRCS, would generate a letter and copy the Con. Com. confirming that the cranberry bog is considered wetland replication. He said his is still not doing anything near the wetland. Bob is working with a new engineer who wants to dig trenches for the soil analysis as opposed to just holes. Members agreed that they do not tell an engineer how to do the analysis. P. Coffin said he should not have to go beyond the hay bales and wetland. T. Aicardi said he needs to determine the edge of the wetland. R. Sweet said he now has a clearer picture as of the last meeting as to what needs to be done. W. Aten said R. Sweet is really doing two plans, one for the driveway in the buffer and one for the cranberry bog with the NRCS. R. Sweet explained for the benefit of P. Ghelli that there would be another entrance on Route 16 for the driveway. He will talk with Pat offline regarding the driveway. P. Ghelli voiced concern with the driveway because it is close to the wetland and that Mr. Sweet has cleared too much of the wetland. P. Coffin suggested Pat speak directly with P. Nadeau of the DEP. P. Ghelli asked if he had permission to modify the dam. R. Sweet said it was an existing dam and what he did was normal maintenance of the growing plan. Mrs. Ghelli said the original dam was natural. *Action: D. Willoughby to ask D. Lenthall for another copy of the conservation plan as it is missing from the file.*

8:30 p.m. AJ Byrne explained to Commissioners, at their request, about the DEP regulation that stipulates if the beach is open more than 59 days, the well is declared a public water supply. D. Willoughby informed members that she requested that Board of Health attend the meeting since the regulation involved them as well. D. Willoughby read the e-mail from the B. John Palumbo, Chairman of the Board of Health (BOH), written to M. Ammendolia. The e-mail indicated no one from that department would attend the meeting. The e-mail also noted that a certified water operator be hired. If the Con. Com. had any additional questions, Mr. Palumbo asked him to attend their meeting on Monday, April 28 or contact the office. P. Coffin said the beach is a great resource and it is too bad it cannot be open more than 59 days. Mr. Byrne said portable bathrooms are used and the regular bathrooms are closed in order to not go over 59 days. It would cost about \$125 per month to test the water the well is considered a public water supply. D. Willoughby said the BOH clerk told her a Certified Water Operator would cost \$10,000 per year. T. Aicardi made and P. Coffin seconded a motion to support the Park Commission's request to open when they want. The motion carried unanimously.

Members reviewed the updated plan for 123 Uxbridge Road. T. Aicardi had done a site visit walking where the clearing was. He said Mr. Wenger was in the buffer but not disturbing it. Members could not see what had been updated on the plan.

Members discussed the conservation restriction (CR) on the 'Fino property'. Members had differing opinions. T. Aicardi believes all the CR should be is near the wetland and riverfront. W. Aten believes the town should maximize the value of the land but also realizes that as a Conservation Commission member he should only be concerned with Conservation. There was no consensus of the board.

*Action: D. Willoughby to confirm with Miscoe Springs the meaning of 'Called to be Cleaned' between 2/27/08 and 3/28/08 and whether they have been cleaned since.*

Members reviewed the Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for 64 Hartford Ave. East. Owner requested to replace an existing 12'X 18'deck with an 8'X15' extension on the side. It will have poured concrete footings. A member agreed there was no wetland impact and signed.

Members reviewed the RDA for 11 Russell Court. The owner would like to install a 20'X40' in-ground pool. There was no wetland impact in October 2005 when the house was built. D. Willoughby informed members that she spoke with the Building Dept. & Town Clerk who confirmed that the issue regarding there be no pools according to the covenant was resolved. Members signed the negative determination.

Members reviewed the RDA for 9 Hastings Street. The Mendon Greenhouse would like to create a pergola for perennial flowers. It is approximately 16'-18' long and 10' wide. There is a pond about 110'-120' feet from the building. The pergola will be within 100 feet of the pond and anchored to the building. There will be no footings. Members signed the negative determination.

The Board of Health submitted information for an RDA for 22 Kinsley Lane. There was an emergency, as a new well had to be dug because drinking water was coming from the lake. Members signed the negative determination stipulating silt fence and hay bales must be placed around the wellhead.

Members reviewed the RDA for 3 Bicknell Drive. The owner is constructing a 14'X14', 3-season porch and 6'X14' deck off the porch. There will be four poured concrete footings. Members signed the negative determination.

W. Aten made and P. Coffin seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 10, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

P. Coffin signed the Board of Selectmen License Routing Slip for the Mendon Country Gift Barn.

D. Willoughby informed members that there would be a new key for the entrances to the Town Hall. Members are to sign one out with the Selectmen's Office if they would like one.

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Willoughby  
Administrative Clerk