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TOWN OF MENDON

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

Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2008

Attending: P. Coffin, M. Ammendolia and T. Aicardi; Robert & Laurie Sweet, 50 Milford Street; Pat Ghelli, 42 Milford Street; Millie Kampersal, 387 South Street, Milford; Kay Ghelli, 230 West Street, Milford; Ruth O'Grady, 205 Providence Rd; William Helsing, Land Planning, Inc. and E. Pokornicki, Mendon Police.

Meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m. when a quorum was reached.

M. Ammendolia directed D. Willoughby to make sure BoS and all other interested parties be notified when Lake Nipmuc is to be treated.

Members reviewed and signed the following negative Determinations of Applicability:

- 9 Carpenter Hill Road. Replacing 12' X 23' deck, D. Tinio performed site visit.
- 46 Asylum Street, Constructing front porch and wrap-around sunroom. T. Aicardi performed site visit.
- 17 Sandra Circle. Constructing 24' X 30' attached garage. D. Tinio performed site visit.
- Lot 1 Quissett Rd., Install inground pool. Members reviewed plan.
- 25 Lovell Street, Construct 6' X 38' porch on 6 piers. D. Tinio performed site visit.
- 1 Resthaven Rd., Enlarge existing 12' X 12' deck to 12' X 16' deck. D. Tinio performed site visit.
- 16 Park Street, 20' X 43' inground swimming pool. P. Coffin performed site visit
- 52 Mowry Street, Replacing deck w/larger 15' X 30' long between house and pool. P. Coffin performed site visit.
- 77 Neck Hill Rd. Constructing 23' X 32' detached garage. D. Tinio performed site visit
- 79 Providence Rd. Install 18' X 33' above-ground pool. T. Aicardi performed site visit.
- 46 Taft Avenue, increasing size of porch previously approved.

Action: P. Coffin will visit 28 Lovell Street to assist owner in picking a location for her pool.

D. Willoughby informed members of her discussion with Donna Grasseschi, owner of 49 Uxbridge Road. The project was turned over from the site manager to a different individual. She has given him photographs and information on the cell tower. Members directed Diane to write a letter to Donna indicating "If we do not have a solution, we will issue a cease and desist of operations at that site. We understand that you feel that you are not responsible but by right you are the owner." Diane was also directed to invite her to our next meeting. A copy of the letter shall be sent to Philip Nadeau. Members will visit the site.

D. Willoughby informed members that the site that T. Aicardi visited prior to the last meeting is 216 Providence Street and not 212 as indicated on the Request for Determination of Applicability. The owner had the incorrect address as the lot was subdivided.

M. Ammendolia made and T. Aicardi seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated May 22, 2008 with a change of '212' Providence Street to '216' towards the bottom of page 1. The motion carried unanimously. R. Sweet requested and was given a copy of the March 22 minutes.

M. Ammendolia made and T. Aicardi seconded a motion to accept the executive session meeting minutes of March 22, 2008 not to be released. The motion carried unanimously.

Members agreed to the following Thursday meeting dates at 7:30 p.m. D. Willoughby will e-mail the dates to members.

June 26

July 10 & 24

August 14 & 28

D. Tinio is up for reappointment on July 1. The Committee needs to vote on a new chairman.

D. Willoughby informed members that Lot 9 Cemetery Street's Order of Conditions expires September 6, 2008. M. Ammendolia directed Diane to send the owner a letter saying, "After checking our records, we noticed that your Order of Conditions will expire on September 6, 2008. Unless you contact us, we will assume you do not need an extension." Diane is to list future meeting dates.

8:30 p.m. 50 Milford Street will require a Notice of Intent for working in a wetland. The wetland area must be returned to the condition in which it was previously or an area needs to be replicated. Wetlands were filled to the left of the driveway. The Certificate of Compliance for DEP# 218-0548 was not previously issued even though members signed it due to the pending issue of the cranberry bog. P. Ghelli asked if anything was determined after the site visit. P Coffin responded that no conclusion was made. The issue will be discussed tonight. M. Ammendolia indicated that a wetland was filled. Attendees looked for an area in which to replicate. There is really only one place in which that can be done. P. Ghelli asked if the board wanted fill removed, would an NOI be necessary? Members said that an NOI would be necessary no matter what solution is chosen. Members reviewed the current plan presented. M. Ammendolia reiterated that an NOI is needed. Members agreed with what was on the plan and what areas were filled. Mr. Halsing presented options. Some fill could be left in places and replication could be done with a similar sized area. This assumes no driveway is built. The next option would be to replicate along the wetland line equal to what was filled. This assumes a full driveway. The third option would entail less replication and return the edge of the wetland that was filled. The last option was to bring water level up to minimize the amount of restoration necessary. P. Coffin was concerned with the height of the water in the pond. The botanist did not have the log for the engineer. It will be incorporated in the NOI. The dam is not currently controlling the water level per R. Sweet. P. Ghelli said her driveway did flood one spring when the boards were placed in the dam. The engineer can take measurements and elevation levels to determine the appropriate water level. There needs to be a method of flood control. P Coffin requested to minimize the area of impact upland and create an upland habitat to allow buffering between the neighbors on the westerly side. The driveway will be 20' of gravel. Members voiced concern over runoff of dirt onto Route 16. If the state denies the curb cut, a new design must be presented to the Conservation Commission. When members approve the notice of intent, the stop work order will be released. M. Ammendolia said as long as owner doesn't do anything stupid like filling in a cranberry bog, he would be all set. Laurie Sweet noted that everyone is not familiar with process and they are trying to work together to learn how to go about doing it right.

Members reviewed Board Of Selectmen License Routing slips for the Adult Entertainment Renewal License for The End Zone. P. Coffin signed off that there were no Con. Com. issues.

D. Willoughby informed members that contractor for 65 Taft Avenue's septic system replacement called for hay bale inspection. D. Tinio said he would do site visit.

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

R. Sweet and W. Halsing requested copies of the minutes from this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Willoughby
Administrative Clerk