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TOWN OF MENDON

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

Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2008

Attending: D. Tinio, P. Coffin T. Aicardi, Jean & Steve Wilber, David (Nolet) and (John?) Gallant, Asylum Street; F. Lapham, Shea Engineering; Laurie & Robert Sweet, 50 Milford Street; Kay Ghelli, 230 West Street, Milford; Mike Weaver and Bob Poxon, Guerriere & Halnon.

Called to order at 7:51 p.m. when a quorum was reached.

Members reviewed Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for which P. Coffin performed site visits. The owner of 56 Hartford Avenue West would like to construct a 24' X 28' detached garage. Members signed negative determination with the condition that he put silt fence or hay bales around stockpile. The owner of 15 Hartford Avenue West would like to construct a 16' X 24' deck, using sono tubes, alongside the 3-season porch. It will extend to the end of the garage. Members signed the negative determination. The owner of 89 Hartford Avenue West would like to construct a 100'-pole barn. Members signed the negative determination.

D. Tinio performed a visit at 54 Millville Street for an RDA for a 20' X 40' inground pool. Members signed the negative determination. He also performed a site visit at 27 Neck Hill Road. The owner would like to replace his 12' X 5' deck, with the same sized deck, using 3-poured, concrete footings. Members signed the negative determination.

Members reviewed the engineering plan that was submitted with the NOI for 22 Emerson Street. The owner would like to construct a 14' X 20' detached, single-car garage at the end of the driveway. The house and driveway are in the 100-foot buffer. Members signed a positive determination. The owner must file a Notice of Intent

7 Cape Road NOI hearing—Mike Weaver presented revised drawings. Verizon did not want to move poles. The detention basin is in the buffer. There is 7,000 feet less of impervious area than what was on original plan. The design follows the new Stormwater management regulations. They will not be asking for credits for water quality. P. Coffin asked about long-term maintenance. Mike replied that there is no maintenance required. P. Coffin asked whether the Stormtech requires maintenance. Mike said that maintenance would be required one or two times per year depending on the level of salt used. It will be the site owner's responsibility. It is pumped out with a vacuum. The Conservation Commission will require that the owner submit proof of cleaning Stormtech and of parking lot cleaning. They will also require that an as-built engineering plan be submitted saying yearly maintenance has been completed. The storm ceptor will need to be inspected quarterly. The owner must adhere to the Original Equipment Manufacturer's scheduled maintenance and inspection requirements for Stormtech/storm ceptor and parking lot cleaning schedule. T. Aicardi made and P. Coffin seconded a motion to continue the hearing for 7 Cape Road until August 28 at 8:00 p.m. pending the town engineer reviewing calculations. The motion carried unanimously. M. Weaver will send R. Duff an updated plan.

8:15 p.m. 6 Myrtle Street NOI hearing--F. Lapham explained that the BOH is currently reviewing the plan, as an exemption is needed. It will be 3' above ground water. No stone or fill is needed under the system. T. Aicardi made and P. Coffin seconded a motion to approve the plans for 6 Myrtle Street as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

8:26 p.m. 33 Asylum Street NOI hearing—Mr. Nolet, abutter, was concerned because he used to have 1800' of frontage

and now only has 1300'. D. Tinio told him to go to the Planning Board meeting to discuss his issue. Abutters may also be interested in creating lots off Asylum Street. D. Tinio directed them again to the Planning Board.

8:30 p.m. 65 Taft Avenue--Request for Certificate of Compliance--D. Tinio performed site visit. Members signed complete COC.

R. Poxon presented plan for 26 North Avenue. The land owner would like to move the Century 21 building to the site that would alter the original plan approved for the Order of Conditions. The new driveway would be five feet from the wetland. P. Coffin made and T. Aicardi seconded a motion to have an amended Notice of Intent filed for 26 North Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Willoughby informed members that Mr. Hilliard has been in touch with Dan Lenthall of NRCS. Dan will be coming out to do a site visit.

Bob Poxon informed members that the drainage issue at Imperial Chrysler/Ford was due to runoff at the adjacent Dunkin Donuts. The manhole had a large amount of sediment caused from erosion from the Dunkin Donuts septic and well flowing down towards the dealership. The 30-inch pipe that is in front of the existing dealership is to be used during the next phase of construction. Water ran clean from that pipe during the heavy rainstorm. There was silt in the road coming from the site flowing west down Route 16. Guerriere and Halnon had hay bales put up along the side of the roadway. They also dug trenches on site so water can be trapped on site. There will be no stormwater management report required if an NOI does not need to be filed for the next phase. B. Poxon said the water would be attenuated on the site. The town engineer will review the stormwater management. There will be catch basins with sumps and hoods underground storage to the 30-inch pipe. He understands the concern and will be on top of the situation.

B. Poxon presented the RDA for 49 Taft Avenue that is owned by his daughter. The current well is shallow. He got a variance from the Board of Health because it will be less than ten feet from the property line. It is only three feet away. The well will be outside the buffer. Hay bales will be placed where drilling will occur and on the stone walls. P. Coffin made and T. Aicardi seconded the motion to issue a negative determination for 49 Taft Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

50 Milford Street—Mr. & Mrs. Sweet informed members that their engineer recommended once the sloped area has been seeded and grass is growing the wetland should be sprayed with a wetland mix. R. Sweet will call the Conservation Commission when work is complete. Members will review what has been done. P. Ghelli asked if the engineer has checked her lot for the water level. Members said that the next step in the process would be to see if the engineer did that survey. L. Sweet also wants to know whether the dam needs to stay or be removed. P. Ghelli asked about the culvert in front. D. Tinio replied that the water is going into the swale and is functioning. P. Ghelli asked if there is still a cease and desist order. D. Tinio replied that the Enforcement Order is in place only to do the restoration. R. Sweet issued a Request Determination of Application for a picnic area and one for a turn-around driveway. D. Tinio said RDA's cannot be accepted until the work under the Enforcement Order is complete. The Certificate of Compliance will not be signed until after the Enforcement Order work is complete.

L. Sweet voiced her concern with K. Meehan's property. She said the Conservation Commission sent him a letter regarding concern with runoff. She wanted to know why K. Meehan was on her property Friday morning asking her if she had a problem with him. She is concerned that big business is getting favored in town. D. Tinio replied that he has been at meetings regarding Mr. Meehan's property and his plans have been scrutinized. She wanted to know who on the Con. Commission told him that the Sweets had brought the issue to their attention. None of the members knew how Mr. Meehan was informed.

D. Willoughby informed members that D. Pleau is still looking for a member from the Con. Commission to be on the Cobbler's Knoll committee. *Action: D. Willoughby to call W. Aten to see if he is willing.*

D. Willoughby spoke with MACC and the Admin. Clerk for Upton. They said that Cons. Commission members are volunteers who do not get compensated for performing site visits. Upton has an agent who is paid an hourly rate to attend meetings and do site visits for RDA's and NOI's. Based on Upton's rate it would cost the town approximately \$6000 per year.

P. Coffin made and T. Aicardi seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated July 24, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

Members reviewed the petition for a zoning variance at 34 Hartford Avenue East. There were no wetland issues.

Members agreed on the following meeting schedule. Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m.

September 11 & 25

October 9 & 23

November 13

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Willoughby
Administrative Clerk