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TOWN OF MENDON

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

Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2008

(As amended 10/23/08)

Attending: D. Tinio, P. Coffin and M. Ammendolia; John & Ed Russell, Dolphin Pools; S. Smith, 188 Providence Street; Laurie & Robert Sweet, 50 Milford Street; P. Ghelli, 42 Milford Street; M. Yerka, Yerka/Bacon Engineering, LLC; and John Castignaro, builder.

Meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. when a quorum was reached.

Members reviewed Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA). The owner of 22 Crestview Drive would like to install a 18' X 36' inground pool. Representatives from Dolphin Pools explained that the area is staked out and the pool will be on a flat area. Any dirt that is dug out will be put in a truck and removed from the site. Hay bales and silt fence shall be placed from the front corner of the house to the 'woods line'. M. Ammendolia will visit the site over the weekend and inform D. Willoughby if there is wetland impact.

Members reviewed the RDA for 2 Powers Road. The owner would like to construct a 36-foot by 80-foot house including attached garage. D. Tinio performed site visit and reported there was no wetland impact. P. Coffin to also perform site visit. Members signed the negative determination.

Members reviewed RDA for 153 Uxbridge Road. D. Tinio explained that the owner is getting water in his cellar. He would like to put in a French drain on the left side of the house and a dry well. D. Tinio asked the owner to backfill the trench. Members signed the negative determination.

Members reviewed the RDA for 6 Catalpa Lane. The owner would like to construct a 30' by 40' barn. D. Tinio performed the site visit. The construction would be on high ground. There is no wetland impact. Members signed the negative determination.

M. Ammendolia made and P. Coffin seconded the motion to accept the meeting minutes of September 25, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Willoughby informed members that she spoke with A. Tetreault about the swale and detention basin at 1 Lowell Drive. Mr. Tetreault inquired as to whether they were on town or private property. He will visit the site. *Action: P. Coffin to visit the site as well and has been given name and phone number of owner.*

D. Willoughby also informed members that S. Bilodeau, 71 Hartford Avenue West, informed Conservation Commission that a beaver(s) are back. They have built a dam between two pipes and near corner of Hartford Avenue West. *Action: D. Willoughby to send a letter to the Board of Health and copy the Board of Selectmen informing them about the complaint and that a permit is needed to remove it. Diane to inform A. Tetreault.*

Members reviewed the Board of Selectmen's License Routing Slip for a mobile food stand on 89 Hartford Avenue East. The applicant is a Hopedale resident. There is an expired Order of Conditions on the property. D. Tinio signed the slip and D. Willoughby will note that as well.

7:45 p.m. NOI hearing for 36 Quissett Road—The builder will be living on the property where a 4-bedroom house is to be constructed within 50 feet from the bordering vegetated wetland. There will be two, stone retaining walls which are 3 ½ feet high and 13 feet from the wetland. Mr. Yerka explained the plan needs to be approved by the Planning Board as it is on a scenic road. If the Planning Board requires any changes made to the plan, the engineer must send the new plan to the Conservation Commission. M. Ammendolia made and D. Tinio stepped down as chairman to second the motion to accept the engineering plan for 36 Quissett Road as revised with hay bales around the well and dewatering pit. Peter Coffin abstained. The motion carried.

8:00 p.m. 20 Uxbridge Road/Imperial Plaza RDA—There are no wetlands on the site. Mr. Poxon explained that Stormwater management and erosion control plans were submitted. The contractor and owner have copies. There is one entrance that is already rip-rapped. Runoff from site goes to Route 16 and is part of that drainage. Man holes and catch basins are used to flow to a storage system, 35-feet by 196 feet by 6-feet deep. The walls are one-foot-thick concrete. It will pump out to other portions of the lot. A retention basin was constructed on site. The bay saver water quality system removes 87 percent of the TSS. P. Coffin questioned whether the 30-inch pipe has enough room for water coming from a 10 acre area. Mr. Poxon explained that the same area is draining off site now. It does not exceed the capacity of the pipe.

S. Smith said she saw a report that noted that there are hydraulic, Group B soils on the site. Mr. Poxon replied that this was from John Lavin's report; however, Mr. Lavin was never on the site. He got the information from the USGS. D. Tinio explained that Lenard Engineering is the town's engineer now. P. Coffin said that A. Tetreault sent a comment letter in August. Mr. Poxon explained that L. Hawkes went to the Planning Board meetings and she was 'all set with questions'. Mr. Poxon said that R. Duff did not review the wetland information. It was done by another individual at Lenard Engineering. M. Ammendolia reminded everyone that there is no wetland on site. P. Coffin said that there is drainage that goes into a wetland. M. Ammendolia said that the Conservation Commission is looking into the quality of water going into the drain. M. Ammendolia made and P. Coffin seconded a motion to find out the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction. The motion carried unanimously. *Action: D. Tinio to call P. Nadeau/DEP to get his opinion. Damon will inform D. Willoughby.* Mr. Poxon explained that he gave R. Duff his comment letter that was written in response to J. Lavin's comments on the plan. S. Smith sent a letter to P. Nadeau & Mary Ann DePinto, both from DEP, about jurisdiction. B. Poxon said he talked with M. DePinto who said if there were no wetlands on the site, there is no need for an NOI.

8:45 p.m. 50 Milford Street—R. Sweet explained that he dug out a larger area that needed to be restored. It has been hydro seeded and has a wetland mix. He provided a plan certified by his engineer as well as a letter saying the same. The turnaround has been completed. M. Ammendolia made and P. Coffin seconded a motion to accept the plan and information as provided. The enforcement order will be lifted except area will be checked again in one year to ensure grass is growing. The motion carried unanimously. R. Sweet asked that members call him before going on his property.

P. Coffin wants to make sure neighbors agree on the proper water level of the bog. R. Sweet suggested that he will cut a hole in the dam to return it to its natural level. P. Ghelli and members agreed with this approach.

R. Sweet voiced his concern that the owners of 49 Uxbridge Road are working on their embankment. He believes they are within 100 feet of a wetland that was filled on the property. M. Ammendolia replied that, "We are actively investigating it". R. Sweet said that he has told the Conservation Commission this before.

Members reviewed the site plan and special permit for 1 Hastings Street, Medway Co-operative Bank. There are no wetlands on the property.

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Willoughby
Administrative Clerk