

*Damon Tinio, Chairman  
Peter Coffin, Vice Chairman*



*Timothy Aicardi  
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## TOWN OF MENDON

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

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### Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2008

Attending: D. Tinio, P. Coffin, and T. Aicardi, Laurie, Conor & Robert Sweet, 50 Milford Street; M. Yerka, Yerka/Bacon Engineering, LLC; and O. Wenger, 800 Pulaski Blvd., Bellingham, MA.

7:34 p.m. Mr. Sweet said he was audio recording the meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 7:41 p.m. when a quorum was reached.

D. Tinio informed members that 'silty' water was running into the stream from the new Imperial construction on Uxbridge Road. T. Aicardi pulled off manhole cover and observed cloudy water after it had rained the night before. Owner needs to put silt fence where outflow is located. D. Tinio directed owner to put check dams on the property. He made sumps out of the riprap.

T. Aicardi asked owner of Pop 'N Kork to put hay bales down gradient from retaining wall. They did not require a building permit so it didn't go through the Conservation Commission. Hay bales are around the disturbed area. Members signed the negative Request for Determination of Applicability.

P. Coffin to do site visit at 64 Bates Street. The owner would like to construct a 24' X 28' detached garage.

*Action: D. Willoughby to send a letter to the plant manager at Miscoe Springs to get status of outcome of engineering site.*

7:45 p.m. 123 Uxbridge Road NOI—M. Yerka presented engineering plan. Mr. Wenger would like to move his existing house, which is near the street, out of the commercial zone to the rear of the property into the residential area. A new driveway, well and septic system would be constructed. *Action: D. Willoughby to notify the Planning Board that the owner wants to put more trailers in the front of the property after the house is moved.* Members were concerned that fines are flowing into the wetland. There is 12,400 square feet of disturbance in the buffer zone. Members directed owner to install silt fence and hay bales up to the stone wall and continue with hay bales to Uxbridge Road. Both sides of driveway near Uxbridge Road must be graded, loamed and seeded up to the stone wall. Owner must call the Conservation Commission when hay bales and silt fence have been installed. T. Aicardi made and P. Coffin seconded a motion to accept the engineer plan presented for 123 Uxbridge Road with noted changes. The motion carried unanimously.

P. Coffin attended site visit to 50 Milford Street with L. and R. Sweet and their engineer, NRCS representative and P. Ghelli. The engineer recommended returning the channel to its condition prior to the dam being installed. This will be done by creating a riser with varying holes. The dam was constructed before the cranberry bog was recreated. P. Ghelli agreed with the decision. The engineer will put a stake on P. Ghelli's property showing worst case for the water level. The engineer has not decided whether the area would be a wet meadow or meadow. This will determine the water level. The engineer will have a plan to present at the January 8, 2009 meeting. Mr. Sweet must spread hay or mulch on the disturbed areas on the bank. When the pipe is gong to be installed, Mr. Sweet must notify the Conservation Commission. All work must be completed according to engineering plan by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009. P. Coffin's concern is that

work was being done on P. Ghelli's property. R. Sweet said he wants to add another cranberry bog/wetland. Members reiterated that he needs a plan. *Action: D. Willoughby to amend the enforcement order issued November 13, 2008 and add milestones discussed and remove reference to filing a Notice of Intent per the recommendation of the J. Gensel, DEP CERO.*

D. Willoughby informed members that the BOH did sign the emergency permit to remove the beaver(s) from Thornton Street area. Members have not been to the area.

8:26 p.m. Members reviewed and signed the Certificate of Compliance for 24 Washington Street. Lawyer for applicant has certification for Shea Engineering. *Action: D. Tinio to perform site visit prior to its issuance to ensure compliance*

P. Coffin made and T. Aicardi seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated November 13, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

Members discussed if any projects had been approved in town that had wetland crossings as requested by the Army Corps of Engineers. The only one is Sylvan Springs.

Members reviewed mail. *Action: D. Willoughby to respond to e-mail from A. Smith, DEP, regarding Circuit Rider Program.*

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Willoughby  
Administrative Clerk