

Damon Tinio, Chairman
Peter Coffin, Vice Chairman



Timothy Aicardi
Michael Ammendolia
William Aten

TOWN OF MENDON

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

Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2009

(Amended May 7, 2009)

Attending: D. Tinio, P. Coffin, T. Aicardi, M. Ammendolia and W. Aten; Cosmo & Kathy Chinappi, 1 Old Taft Avenue; Cameron Gaultitz, 1 Taft Avenue; Jane Lowell, 40 Millville Street; William Clougherty, Mass. Highway; Gillian Davies, BSC Group, Inc.; P. Ghelli, 42 Milford Street; and Robert & Laurie Sweet, 50 Milford Street.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. when a quorum was reached.

R. Sweet asked if he could audio record the meeting. There were no objections.

Members reviewed the RDA for 7 Bates Street. The owner would like to construct decking for an above-ground pool. D. Tinio performed site visit. There would be no wetland impact. Members signed the negative determination of applicability.

The owner of 54 Bellingham Street would like to replace a deck and construct a larger one, 16' by 14', on the back of the house between the pool and sun porch. D. Tinio performed a site visit. There would be no wetland impact. Members signed the negative determination.

The owner of 25 Lovell Street needs to dig a 1.5 foot to 2-foot wide by 200-foot long trench for the wiring for solar panels. D. Tinio visited site and there would be no wetland impact. Members signed the negative determination.

The owner of 3 Puddingstone Lane would like to construct a 10' by 48' deck with poured-concrete footings off the existing sunroom. D. Tinio visited site and determined there would be no wetland impact. Members signed determination.

Cameron Gaultitz submitted RDA with a question regarding staking off Taft Avenue for the new Imperial dealership. He is concerned there is a road/access going in that will affect water flow on his property at 1 Taft Avenue. He is also concerned now that trees have been cut down that there will be more water flow. Mr. Tinio indicated that the depression will be filled, sloped down, and water will flow to Stormwater management system on Imperial site. R. Sweet asked if trees that were cut were within 100 feet of a wetland. Mr. Ammendolia said they were not. C. Gaultitz indicated that there is more water in wetland than there was before. R. Sweet asked if a MEPA review was done for Imperial. D. Tinio told him to call the Planning Board as it is under their

jurisdiction. M. Ammendolia asked if it has been determined whether trees were cut on town property. D. Tinio said the Parks Department will talk with the owner of Imperial who may be able to plant trees. The stone wall was moved to install the septic system. P. Coffin asked why it was moved. D. Tinio said it is the Parks Department's jurisdiction. M. Ammendolia looked at the site last Friday. He noted that the boundary line is straight; yet, the stone wall is curved. He does not feel the trees were removed from town property. P. Coffin said he has an issue with the stone wall being moved. R. Sweet asked if a cease and desist order can be issued until a property line is determined. T. Aicardi reiterated that it is not a Conservation Commission issue. The Town Coordinator is working the issue and any further questions should be directed to him. J. Lowell said she thinks there is a violation because the wall was moved. D. Tinio responded that the wall will be put back together where it was.

7:45 p.m. NOI hearing, Near 44 Uxbridge Road—Members reviewed plan for dredging out sediment from bottom of pond with a clam-shell bucket. Machine will stand on Nipmuc Marine and has a 50-foot reach. Sediment will be placed in a dump truck. No equipment will go on anyone's property. *Action: Mr. Clougherty will provide Con. Com. with name of contractor.*

The Chinappi's are getting silt in their yard which causes their yard to flood. Mr. Clougherty informed attendees that four-foot deep sumps were installed on Route 16. There is ledge below that depth. The curb will be curved at the hill going up to 49 Uxbridge Road. A site walk will be conducted Thursday, April 16 at 8:00 a.m. Mrs. Chinappi will be available and will e-mail Mr. Tinio photos. G. Davies said project is being done under Chapter 91 and they have a specified timeframe between July and September/October. The hearing will be continued until April 23 at 7:45 p.m.

R. Sweet asked if anything was being done with runoff from the area of Sola's Gym. D. Tinio said the DEP is working with the owners of the property.

Members discussed silt sock options for erosion control as O. Wenger sent information regarding them to the Conservation Commission. Members agreed that they prefer hay bales and silt fence as they are taller. *Action: D. Willoughby to have O. Wenger call for an inspection when his erosion control is in place.*

P. Coffin made and W. Aten seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated March 12, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

Members reviewed the Board of Selectmen Routing slips for new licenses or renewals. They agreed there were no wetland issues. D. Tinio signed the following slips: Mendon Twin Drive-In, Willow Brook, Southwick Wild Animal Zoo and Mendon Driving Range.

D. Willoughby reported that the owner of 49 Milford Street received the letter from the Conservation Commission but has not called the office as requested. He was asked to attend the scheduled March 26, 2009 Con. Com. meeting to discuss a possible wetland violation on his property. *Action: D. Willoughby to call P. Nadeau to see if the Con. Com. Can issue a cease and desist order on the owner of 49 Milford Street.* If this is possible, D. Willoughby to send a letter stating that if he does not attend next meeting, he will be getting a cease and desist order. A copy shall be sent to P. Nadeau and the BoS.

T. Aicardi noted that the detention basin near the driveway of 50 Milford Street was changed from the original plan due to excavation. R. Sweet was directed to return the detention basin to its shape indicated on the engineering plan, to fix the flared end of the pipe and install riprap. The contours on the restoration plan need to be the same as at the site. Rocks can be placed at the top of the detention pond. Loam and seed made be placed six feet out from restored area.

P. Ghelli requested that plantings be used around the dam instead of mulch per D. Lenthall's recommendation letter. Members recommended waiting one growing season (next spring) and seeing what grows on its own before any plantings are done.

8:40 p.m. P. Coffin left meeting

L. Sweet re-wrote the RDA for 50 Milford Street lilac bush removal. Owners would like to move lilac bush to opposite side of driveway, re-grade slope around retention basin and loam and seed that area. They would also like to fix flared end and install six-foot grass strip around top of slope (back side). Members signed negative determination.

Jon Rosenfeld is ready for an inspection of his silt fence at 165 Millville Street. *Action: T. Aicardi to do inspection.*

Members agreed on the following Thursday meeting dates:

May 7 & 21

June 11 & 25

July 9 & 23

D. Willoughby informed members that the Sheriff's Department will be in charge of the Annual Town Cleanup as opposed to the Lion's Club. Ann Mazar, however, will be coordinating the clean up of the town conservation land. Members agreed that D. Willoughby can work with her to involve the students at Miscoe.

Motion was made by T. Aicardi and seconded by W. Aten to go into executive session and adjourn meeting when executive session is adjourned. A roll call vote was taken. M. Ammendolia, D. Tinio, T. Aicardi and W. Aten voted affirmatively. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Willoughby
Administrative Clerk