

*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 August 27, 2009

Attending: P. Coffin, T. Aicardi and M. Ammendolia; Ken O'Brien, 6 Swandale Dr.; Eric Peterson, 10 Taft Ave.; Robert Sweet, 50 Milford St.

P. Coffin called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Members reviewed Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA). Eric Peterson explained that the owner of 26 Kinsley Lane has a fieldstone retaining wall on his property. Seventy-five to eighty percent of it has collapsed into Lake Nipmuc. Thirty to thirty-five feet need to be replaced. It is 3.5 feet tall. The bottom half of the 2' X 2' X 4'-long block will be buried. He estimates it will take one day to do the excavation and one day to put the block wall in. M. Ammendolia and D. Tinio performed a site visit. Mr. Peterson plans to dig a two- to three-foot wide trench with a small excavator and put some stone at the bottom for padding. He will put a silt fence and silt boom in the water.

R. Sweet asked if he could audio record the meeting. There were no objections. M. Ammendolia asked for copies of tapes, possibly digitally. R. Sweet will see if this is possible.

Members instructed Mr. Peterson to file a Notice of Intent. Members signed positive determination indicating such. *Action: D. Willoughby to e-mail Mr. Peterson a blank NOI form which he can forward to owner.*

T. Aicardi performed site visit at 50 Milford Street. Tim asked Mr. Sweet to mark the location he wants to make the picnic area with fluorescent paint. Members also asked him to mark up the paper plan showing the picnic area. *Action: Members to conduct site visit Saturday, August 29 at 8:00 a.m.* R. Sweet agreed to let members on his property only if he is present.

Members discussed sending letters to Messrs. Funari regarding the property on 49 Milford Street and the lack of response to the enforcement order issued and requests to attend Con. Com. meetings. The letter shall say, "It is required that you attend the September 10, 2009 meeting of the Conservation Commission. If you do not attend, we will take actions to uphold the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c. 131, §40. Confirm your attendance within 48 hours of receipt of this letter to avoid further action." Constable Ken O'Brien will deliver letters to the place of business that has the violation as well as the home address of Christopher Funari. *Action: D. Willoughby to e-mail K. O'Brien when letters are ready. D. Willoughby to send letter to the address for the trust that owns the property as the constable can only deliver letters to Mendon locations.*

Members reviewed R. Poxon's letter in response to Brandon Faneuf's report on 20 Uxbridge Road/Imperial site. Members agreed to do site walk, in anticipation of heavy rain, Saturday, August 29, after visiting 50 Milford Street. T. Aicardi to bring Con. Com. camera.

Members have not had a chance to perform site visit at 21 Millville Road prior to signing Complete Certificate of *Action: Members to perform site visit to 21 Millville Road.*

Members reviewed Proposed Grading and Drainage plan for 1 Hastings Street after P. Coffin questioned the drainage tying into existing storm drains on Route 16. P. Coffin confirmed they were on the plan.

D. Willoughby requested members re-sign an original Certificate of Compliance for 74 Blackstone Street. She noticed that the original Request for Certificate of Compliance had the incorrect DEP# on the top of the form which got transferred to the Complete Certificate of Compliance. Members signed.

M. Ammendolia made and T. Aicardi seconded a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Willoughby informed members that Parks Dept. wanted Con. Com. members to know that someone made a fire pit off the path near the rest rooms which is on Conservation land.

M. Ammendolia made and T. Aicardi seconded a motion to allow D. Willoughby to go to a MACC conference October 24, 2009 on Enforcement. The motion carried unanimously. M. Ammendolia said it is good that the Conservation Commission Clerk is willing to attend Conservation-related conferences. The conference fee is \$90. There is sufficient money in the Con. Com. budget as there have been no hearings this fiscal year. Money allocated for monthly hearings will cover the cost.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Willoughby
Administrative Clerk