

# **Town of Mendon Environmental Conservation Board**

## **Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Present: Chair Peter Carosa, Margaret Bailey, Mike Burke, Tim Engström, Jim Merzke

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 7:00 PM

### **1. Call to Order: 7:03 PM**

### **2. Approval of Past Minutes – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

- The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 meeting

### **3. New Business**

- Pallo Area Variance
  - The Board discussed a Zoning Board of Appeals variance application for a proposed 16' x 11.6' barn on an existing 6.73-acre lot, zoned RA-5, at 97 Boughton Hill Road. Environmental Protection Overlay Districts (EPODs) #2 (Steep Slopes), #3 (Watercourse), #7 (Woodlot), #8 (Flood Damage), and #9 (Soils & Ponding) are present on the parcel. The proposed accessory structure is to be located east of the existing home, but the proposed barn would not meet the minimum setback requirements and would be closer to the street/highway right-of-way than the existing home. The ECB previously conducted a site visit for the application's initial site plan approval in April 2024. Given the existing topography of the site, the location of the barn is severely constrained. The proposed structure would not encroach on any of the EPODs on the site.

### **4. Old Business**

- Monroe County Climate Action Plan
  - The Board continued to discuss the Monroe County Climate Action Plan and County's charge that all municipalities within the County develop their own Climate Action Plan. The Board discussed allocating an entire meeting to the discussion. It was decided a second May meeting would be explored.

### **5. Monroe County Environmental Management Council Updates – Margaret Bailey**

- During the April meeting, Jarmila Haseler, from the Agriculture & Food System Educator Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County, presented on how soil helps build healthy ecosystems for a sustainable future

### **6. Town Board Updates – Jim Merzke**

- Jim will be serving as the Board's new liaison between now and the end of his term (December 2025)
- The Town has appointed a new interim highway superintendent, Tom Voorhees

### **7. Meeting Adjournment: 8:18 PM**