



Williamsburg Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2016 – Williamsburg Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Acting Chair, Joe Rogers

Commissioners present: Joe Rogers, Marcianna Caplis, Mary Dudek, Andrew MacLachlan

Members of the public present: Paul Jahnige, John Hoogstraten, Bethany and Will Ouimet, Diane and Philip Merritt

Mary Dudek made a motion to reinstate Marcianna Caplis to Chair of Conservation Commission. Joe Rogers seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Commissioners discussed site visit of April 12th at the proposed Historic Dam Trail starting from 98 Ashfield Rd. parking area and continuing along the East Branch of the Mill River up to the area of the dam breach (“old Reservoir dam”). The NOI submittal by Williamsburg Woodland Trails Committee was reviewed and Williamsburg Woodland Trails committee members Paul Jahnige and John Hoogstraten spoke of the mission of the trail, which would highlight a specific place in the town’s cultural history, scope of work involved in this project, history of land management in the area, and improvements to biotic landscape (cutting and mitigation of invasive plants). Bethany and Will Ouimet, property owners, spoke of their participation and advocacy of the project as well as their responsibilities following the completion of the project. Commissioners reviewed maps and plan sketches, and responded to the issue of bridge crossings along the trail: removal procedures of a decaying bridge, siting and elevation calculations of proposed bridges in 100-year flood zone, and equipment to be used in the construction phase, i.e. footings. Joe Rogers made a motion to accept the proposed project as outlined in the NOI dated March 23, 2016. Andrew MacLachlan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Marcianna Caplis made a motion to accept the minutes of March 10th as amended. Andrew MacLachlan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. Next meeting will be held April 28, 2016

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Babcock
Secretary - Williamsburg Conservation Commission

Marcianna Caplis, Chair Christopher T. Lynch Joseph Rogers Mary Dudek Andrew MacLachlan
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