



Williamsburg Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2016 – Williamsburg Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Members of public present: Joan LaFogg, Sally Loomis, Rob Lockwood.

Sally Loomis, Executive Director, Hilltown Land Trust and Community Conservation Coordinator of Trustees of Reservations attended the meeting for an informal discussion of a proposed project. It consists of a partnership grant from the state on Brewer Brook in both Williamsburg and Westhampton, and as part of a Forest Resiliency Project. The Open Space Committee has assessed the property as high priority for core habitat and for climate change resiliency, and in collaboration with Kestrel Trust, there is the potential for a conservation easement. The state Department of Fish and Game will provide partial funding for the project.

A Certificate of Compliance was issued to Joan LaFogg for single family home redevelopment at 5 Goshen Rd.

Rob Lockwood, 45 Mountain St., informed Commissioners of an agreement with consultant Robert Levesque. A site visit is scheduled for November 28th.

Commissioners reviewed progress on delineation of boundaries of Riverfront Area and Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 16 Walpole Rd. as required in Enforcement Order dated 6/9/16. Discussion included the request for the owner's consultant to provide more information clarifying the mapping of BVW (per MA DEP 310 10.54(2) in-land banks), i.e., assess flagging, ice pond, and geomorphology of area. Marci Caplis will contact Ron Lavigne on the status of an NOI, a submittal requested at the last meeting. A site visit is scheduled for November 21st.

The Commission discussed the use of funds earmarked for work on Briar Hill Rd to any of the three properties under Conservation Commission stewardship.

Jim Locke attended the meeting to inform the Commission about a proposed solar field on Rt 9, a project that is larger than regulations currently allow.

Joe Rogers made a motion to accept the minutes of November 3rd as amended. Mary Dudek seconded. Approval was unanimous. Mary Dudek, with Todd Lynch seconded, made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:35 p.m. Next meeting will be held December 1, 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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