



Williamsburg Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2016 – Williamsburg Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair, Marcianna Caplis

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

Members of the public present: Ron Lavigne and Lesley Spokas for Valley View Farm; Fran Kidder and Gary Niswonger for North St. and Valley View Rd; Bill Turner, Mary Tilley Clark and Ron McKay.

Consultant Ron Lavigne, on behalf of David Nehring and Susan Forgang, updated the Commission on the progress made on wetland delineation and mapping in wetland and riverfront areas of Valley View Farm. A copy of the contract with surveying and engineering services with Homberg & Howe was provided and notification given regarding NHESP and MESA review in progress for “reclaiming” land once used as agriculture. Owners are asked to clarify their respective plans and expectations for irrigation systems, agricultural zones including the area up to the field edge, and the restoration plan currently in process. A recommendation for NOI filing, based on an extensive analysis of need, was made for submittal at the next meeting.

Bill Turner of the Williamsburg Town Highway Department updated the Commission regarding road widening of Bridge St. and “best practices” regarding concurrent repaving projects to be done on High St. and Kingsley Ave. Mr. Turner inquired about the potential for NOI filing with Sao Joao Realty as part of what would be an amended NOI submittal of the original document filed on 7/30/15. Upon recommendation made by Commissioners, an NOI, filed solely by the Highway Department, Town of Williamsburg, will be submitted at next meeting, August 25th.

Commissioners reviewed invasive species eradication plan in riverfront area of Mill River, proposed over a 3-year timeline, by four North St. residents (Douglas and Jen McVey, Gary Niswonger, Christian Lagier, Nicolas Boillot of 6, 8, 10, 16 North St.) and Frances Kidder of 8 Valley View Rd. Joe Rogers made a motion to grant a negative two determination for the joint RDA filings. Andrew MacLachlan seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

Commissioners discussed possible violations taking place in two properties. Owners will be contacted.

Mary Dudek made a motion to accept the minutes of July 28th as amended. Todd Lynch seconded. Approval was unanimous. Andrew MacLachlan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Joe Rogers seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Next meeting will be held August 25, 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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