



# *Williamsburg Conservation Commission*

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## **Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2017 – 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: David Nehring, Ron Lavigne

Town Administrator present: Charlene Nardi

MA DEP administrator present: Mark Stinson, Western Division

Charlene Nardi presented the project agreement for the Horse Mountain conservation project, a joint land grant with the towns of Williamsburg and Hatfield, for review and signatures. Following signatures of Board of Selectmen, the entire packet will be submitted to Emmanuel Owusu, Forest and Land Regional Conservation Planner with MA Executive office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA).

Charlene Nardi updated the Commission of the likely transfer to the MA DOT of the Bridge Street bridge restoration and repair in Haydenville, a project anticipated to take two years and be a full replacement of the bridge. The DOT will not be using the DEP NOI submittal of September 2016, as they are exempt from regulations outlined in DEP Wetlands Protection Act and River, but will adhere to regulations applicable to the high water mark, i.e., work taking place above banks. DOT project engineers will adhere to criteria as outlined in the federal Clean Water Act as well. At this time project engineers await a dredging/water quality certificate from the MA DEP and they will also note concerns, as written up by Conservation Commission, which address those typically outlined in an Order of Conditions.

Subsequent to the failure to comply with the June 9, 2016 Enforcement Order and the Conservation Commission's November 21, 2016 site visit, Commissioners discussed the status of project work at 16 Walpole Rd. with owner David Nehring and consultant Ron Lavigne. Mark Stinson of DEP was present and offered recommendations for project work. The Commission's letter dated December 15, 2016, to the owner was also discussed. The Commission will prepare a second Enforcement Order outlining the work required to come into compliance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

Andrew MacLachlan made a motion to accept the minutes of December 15<sup>th</sup>. Todd Lynch seconded. Approval was unanimous. Todd Lynch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., Todd Lynch seconded the motion. Next meeting will be held January 26, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Babcock

Secretary - Williamsburg Conservation Commission

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

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