



Williamsburg Conservation Commission
147 Main Street, P.O. Box 447
Haydenville, Massachusetts 01039-0447
Phone: 413-268-8416 Fax: 413-268-8409
conservation@burgy.org

Meeting Minutes – October 25, 2018

Commissioners present – *Marci Caplis, Andrew MacLachlan, and Joe Rogers*

Members of the public present – *Mark Wamsley*

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Continuation of RDA for solar array on Main Street, presented by ZPT Energy Solutions.

- The Commission approved a Negative 3 with conditions for the project, as agreed at the October 7th meeting.

Update from Mark Wamsley on land conservation effort of the Kestrel Land Trust

- The contract for the grant partnership with the state was signed by Ms. Caplis signed on behalf of the Conservation Commission.
- The Select Board will also need to sign. Information about the grant contract will be presented to them. Specific questions that the Board has are as follows. Will it cost the town anything to maintain the property? How much tax revenue will be lost? Will snowmobile trails still be accessible?
- The Conservation Restriction should be finished by the end of the year. The Trust is closing on the Collins property in Williamsburg on November 20.

Site visit to 7 Depot Road to determine where to put water level marker.

- Emily Stockman can meet on Saturday, October 27.

Follow up on invasives treatment plan for Hall property.

- Mr. MacLachlan met with staff from Land Stewardship, Inc (LSI) to preview the site. LSI made a proposal for treatment over two years with an optional third year using a variety of methods, including cut stem, foliar spraying, and basal bark application. The following schedule is suggested: November of 2018, June and August of 2019, with optional follow ups in July and September of 2020. The total cost is \$4,200 plus the optional \$800. Once the boundaries are clearly marked and the work begins it will become clear if neighboring land has invasives that are spreading into the conservation area. The relevant neighbors can be notified. The Commission voted to accept the two year plan.

Review of request for information for FEMA floodplain study.

- Request was sent to the Floodplain Administrator, which Williamsburg does not have. The Town Manager would like the Select Board to look at the questionnaire. Ms. Caplis suggested that the Commissioners each take a look, fill out responses. She will then compile responses, and send those, along with a blank questionnaire to the Board for their review.

Discussion about cleaning out old files.

- There are many papers on file that may legally be disposed of, but occasionally it is helpful to have old files to refer back to.
- It would be helpful to have a sense of what percentage of files are older, say pre-2000.
- Someone will check on the status of the digitization project.

Review of Site Visit to Beaver Brook Golf Club.

- Three commissioners met with Chris Duval, new owner of the Beaver Brook Golf Club.
- The property is large, with many sections in wetlands resource areas. The Duvals want to know how to proceed on projects within these areas.
- Mr. Rogers has sent some basic information about what work can be done in resource areas, and will send a list of potential wetlands consultants.

- The commission recommends that the Duvals hire a consultant who will help them make decisions and follow wetlands regulations.

Follow up on question of hiring a Conservation Agent.

- The Town Manager asked the Con Comm if we were interested in sharing one with other towns. She will continue researching.

Proposed site visit to the Goshen solar array site.

- The commissioners will plan a time in the near future to check on the work at the site.

Minutes from October 7th were accepted.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda McCall

Secretary - Williamsburg Conservation Commission