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Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2019

Commissioners present - *Marci Caplis, Mary Dudek, Andrew MacLachlan, and Joe Rogers*

Members of the public present - John Hoogstraten, for the Mill River Greenway Committee; David Nehring of Valley View Farm.

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

Review of NOI for invasives work on the 5-acre park parcel on Mill River. Joe Rogers presented the NOI as a member of the Greenway Committee. The plan includes anticipated work dates to maximize the efficiency of the treatments, as well as a planting plan for year three, when the ground should be bare. David Nehring, an abutter, asked why the town can spray, while he cannot as a farmer. The Commission's response was that a trained and licensed pesticide applicator was doing the work with the proper permits. Mr. Nehring also expressed concern about pesticides affecting his organic farm crops. Mr. Rogers explained that the treatment plan follows best practices, including not spraying on windy days. In addition, the WPA has a specific regulation regarding ecological restoration limited NOI. Since the publication notice for the Environmental Monitor did not get posted in time, the review of this NOI was continued to the March meeting. The forester, Lincoln Fish, will be available for that meeting. Abutters will receive a second letter notifying them of that meeting. A motion was made to continue the meeting until the March meeting. Approved unanimously.

Issuance of Certificate of Compliance to Woodlands Trail Committee for work done on the Historic Dam Trail. The Commissioners agreed that all of the work was done well and met the conditions set out in the NOI.

Review of proposed plan for a fire pond at 84 Goshen Road. After a review, the Commissioners agreed that the proposed plan submitted by Pierre Belhumeur looks fine and has enough information. Mr. Belhumeur now needs to submit a RDA formally for the March meeting.

Review of preliminary RDA for proposed construction on North Farms Road. The Commissioners reviewed the preliminary RDA and supporting documents for a proposed house. They requested more information about the project, erosion controls, and wetlands delineation. A site visit will be necessary, but not possible until the snow has melted. The landowners and architects may re-submit their RDA for the March meeting, which will be continued to April if a site visit cannot be done for March.

Discussion of site visit to 99 Main Street. Commissioners made a site visit to see the tree work that had been done in the resource area. The landowners did not submit a RDA or Emergency Certification request, but said their insurance company had concerns about falling trees. Commissioners decided to draft a letter inviting both the landowners and Quatro, the tree removal company, to the March meeting to discuss proper procedures for future work.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

Respectfully submitted,
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