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## Meeting Minutes-April 11, 2019

## Commissioners present – Mary Dudek, Todd Lynch, and Joe Rogers

Members of the public present – Brad Eichwald, Brien Tal-Baker, Mary Clark, Jason Cooney, Thomas Kaye, Rich Kirby, Tony Pawlyle, and Chris Ryan

## Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

<u>15 North Farms Road -</u> Brad Eichwald- Continuation of RDA after a site visit. Commissioners appreciated the careful placement of the footprint of the house to avoid the wetland buffer zones to the extent that they were able. The Commissioners found a Negative 3 with conditions. Approved unanimously.

<u>35 Village Hill Road:</u> Geoff LeBaron and Heidi Johnson submitted a RDA for gravel driveway to allow access to/ and removal of logs and firewood. Concerns are: much of the driveway is in the buffer zone, one tree in the buffer zone would need to be removed, and a section of the road is bounded by wetlands on both sides. The Commissioners issued a Negative 3 determination with conditions, with a specific focus on keeping stone out of the 20 foot stretch of road that crosses wetland.

<u>40 Goshen Road</u>: Jason Cooney sought input from the Commission about a plan for erecting a garage for landscaping equipment on this lot that is for sale and is adjacent to the Mill River. The plan would include flower beds along the road to tie in with the other downtown gardens. The Planning Board had reduced the required distance for setback of the garage from the road,

thereby increasing the distance from the river. There is currently a shed on the property, but not on the spot where the new garage would go. This shed is farther from the river, and regulations for redevelopment don't allow new construction closer to the river. The lot was subdivided in 2013 and therefore doesn't meet the single family home exemption. The Commissioners advised Mr. Cooney to hire a wetlands consultant to create a viable plan, since a NOI would have to be filed if he bought the property. They also advised him to present three options for placement of the garage as part of an alternatives analysis.

<u>81 Depot Road</u>: Thomas Kaye sought input about what he needs to do before having his driveway repaved. The driveway will be higher than it is currently and will need additional riprap along sides. Commissioners advised him to submit an RDA and will do a site visit.

<u>5 and 5A Hatfield Street:</u> A third party review of the wetland delineation will be done by GZA, and the contract is prepared and ready to be signed. Representatives of the solar team brought new information in response to the Commissioners' concerns from the March meeting. They also provided the spec sheets for the materials listed in their proposed plan. See attached document.

<u>7 South Main St:</u> - Libby Bishop's driveway needs to be excavated and repaved. It is within 25 feet of the Mill River, but is there is an exemption for replacing existing driveways. Joe Rogers did a site visit and advised Ms. Bishop on steps for submitting RDA for April 25th meeting.

<u>Beaver Brook Golf Club:</u> A NOI was submitted. Mr. Rogers asked the owners to plan for the May meeting. A letter from Natural Heritage is needed, as well as additional information.

## Meeting was adjourned at 9:35

Respectfully submitted, Melinda McCall

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