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Meeting Minutes- June 13, 2019

Commissioners present – *Marcianna Caplis, Mary Dudek, Todd Lynch, and Joe Rogers*

Members of the public present – *Brian and Leiana Hennessy, Brian Davis, Angela and John Otis*

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

- Review of NOI for Brian and Leiana Hennessy, addition at 12 Goshen Road. The proposed work is in the riverfront area, but is not in floodplain due to elevation. The commissioners agreed to the plan, with some extra conditions which ensure that removed and disrupted soil will not get washed into the river, and that restoration planting is done in a timely manner.
- Consideration of Certificate of Compliance for Brian Davis, driveway construction at 30 Ashfield Road. The commissioners had performed a site visit and found two areas of concern. There is also a mucky area near the road that may be the town's responsibility. Mr. Rogers recommended adding some stabilization to a section where the driveway is sloped to the side and there is some erosion with silt draining into the adjacent field, including a water bar to direct flow to existing rip rap. He also recommended filling, compacting, and adding more stones to another eroding area near the culvert. Once the work is done, Mr. Davis may call for another site visit. He will not be required to attend another meeting.
- Informal discussion with Angela and John Otis about working in a buffer zone. The Otis's are considering purchasing property at 73 Old Goshen Road. A tributary to Nichols Brook meanders around the property. It is an intermittent stream so only requires a 100 foot buffer. The commissioners stated that wells should be at least 100 feet from stream, as should the septic system, though allowances can be made if there is proof that no other options exist. Mr. Rogers recommended hiring a wetlands consultant to flag the wetlands. This wetlands scientist can work with a surveyor.

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- Review of site visit to 99 Main Street. Mr. Rogers and Mr. MacLachlan visited the site and saw no noticeable marking or flagging, nor any trees that pose an emergency. Trees had been cut that shouldn't have. Ms. Caplis will send a letter to owners detailing observations and reminding them that the Commission must be notified of any planned work along the river, and permits must be obtained before work begins.
- Review of forest cutting plan for Equinox Partners (Beaver Brook Golf Club.) Some of the cutting is planned in wetlands and rare species habitat. The commissioners are concerned about the work, the lax permitting, the lack of a Forest Management Plan, and the lack of plans for monitoring the cut. Ms. Caplis plans to send emails to Sean Libby, the permitting forester at DCR, as well as to Mark Stinson at DEP for his feedback. Work is not scheduled to begin until the fall, and the commissioners plan to watch the situation carefully.
- Follow up on NOI for Beaver Brook Golf Club. The Commission has not heard from the Golf Club owners since the May 9 meeting. Ms. Caplis will send an email to Chris Duval informing him that he needs to request a continuance for every meeting in order to keep the hearing open, or he can withdraw the NOI. Mr. Rogers recommended that the Commission hire an outside consultant to perform a peer review of any new or revised NOI for the golf course.
- Follow up on invasives species work at the Hall property. Had not gotten back to the Commission about where they want entry to the property, or about billing before the end of the fiscal year.
- Minutes were accepted with changes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,
 Melinda McCall
 Secretary - Williamsburg Conservation Commission

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