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**Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2021
via Zoom**

Commissioners present – Marci Caplis, Mary Dudek, Todd Lynch, Andrew MacLachlan, and Joe Rogers

Members of the public present – Mark Stinson, DEP; David McCutcheon, contract buyer; Ward Smith, consultant.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

RDA for 40 Goshen Road: The RDA is for a proposal to store 20-foot shipping containers on a hardpack parking area on land sited at the top edge of the sloped bank of the East Branch of the Mill River. Most of the area is within the 100 foot riverfront area.

- **The project is on previously developed land and should not impact the riverfront.**
- **Disturbance is called for only to restore two small areas on the property.**
- **The project would improve on existing condition removing rubbish, an asphalt pile, and curb stops. This small disturbed area will be stabilized by planting some shrubs. In addition, a small section of impervious material will be removed and replaced with grass, while a strip along the tree line will be left unmown.**
- **The site is flat, and there is a buffer of permeable land between the containers and the river bank; therefore, runoff is not considered to be an issue.**
- **Parking is available for container renters, and there should be little traffic. Containers will be delivered and removed by roll-off truck, which will access the containers directly from the road.**

Commissioners issued a Negative 3 determination.

RDA, 61 Old Goshen Road, Angela and John Otis: The proposal is for building a Title 5 leachfield and a building outside of the 100 foot buffer zone. Stockman Associates did the wetlands delineation. The meeting was continued to the May

27th meeting to allow Commissioners to visit the site.

RDA, 19 Valley View Road, Ryan Clark: The proposal is for installation of a four-foot tall fence around an existing lawn. There is a small wetland to the east, and the lawn is within the buffer zone. There would be no land alteration. The main concern was about the fence interfering with wildlife movement, and a proposal was made to elevate the fence a few inches above the ground.

Commissioners issued a negative 3 determination.

Update on Ashfield Road, Ron Hodges: The paper work was lost in the mail, and a copy of the Order of Conditions was hand delivered to Mr. Hodges.

Update on Hatfield Street Solar Array: Adam Christie of Protech Energy Solutions informed the Commission that the erosion controls were not ready for inspection, but will notify when it is finished. In addition, the OOC calls for oversight of construction of a stream crossing.

Chapter 61 Conversion, Kellogg Road: Commissioners acknowledged the receipt of the letter.

Feedback on the Open Space Plan: The plan was received positively. Horse Mountain was not mentioned. The Commission will send their comments to the Open Space Committee.

Hunting Stand found at the Bradley parcel: Concern about a hunting stand found on the Briar Hill trail was voiced on Kind Things Williamsburg. While it is legal to put a stand on private property for a limited time and close to trails, the Commission already had decided to not allow hunting is not allowed on this parcel. This discussion brought up a need to clarify with the Trails Committee what language to use on signs. This language should be added to the Conservation Commission website, and on a kiosk.

GIS Mapping: Polly Ryan, the Smith Student working on GIS layers for Williamsburg, created a useful dynamic map that will help to clarify and teach about the Wetlands Protection Act and the role of the Conservation Commission.

Minutes from April 8 were approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda McCall
Secretary - Williamsburg Conservation Commission