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Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2021
via Zoom

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

Members of the public present – Jeff Smith, consultant from Prime AE; Ron Hodges, property owner.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

NOI for 50 Depot Road: The NOI is for replacing a collapsed garage sited above the East Branch of the Mill River at the top edge of the sloped bank.

- **The project is on previously developed land and impacts less than 10% of the riverfront on the property.**
- **The old foundation was replaced with a new one with a larger footprint than the previous one, therefore there needs to be compensatory storage (5 cubic yards.) The area is wooded, and in order to avoid cutting trees, small areas will be excavated around the site to meet the required volume.**
- **Straw bales will be used for erosion control. After work is finished, the bank will be stabilized with plantings.**
- **Since it is not possible to stay out of the 100-foot riverfront area, and the site has been cleared for a long time, the goal is to improve the existing riverfront. This will be done with plantings. There are 562 square feet of disturbed area. This area determines the number of plants needed for stabilization and site improvement. The number of plants will be specified in the Order of Conditions. The expectation is 75% planting success after 2 years. Mr. Smith will check on the plantings at that time, and the Conservation Commission reserves the right to inspect the site as well.**
- **Motorized equipment will be stored in the garage. The concrete floor will help to prevent any fuel and oil leaks from getting into the river.**

The plan as laid out in the NOI was accepted unanimously. An Order of

Conditions will be drawn up based on issues discussed.

86 Ashfield Road, Charles Miller: Mr. Miller sent a notice that he had cleared invasives from his site and will seed in native wetland species on bare areas.

40 Goshen Road, McCutcheon: The Commission had not received an application at the time of this meeting.

Minutes from March 11, 2021 were approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda McCall
Secretary - Williamsburg Conservation Commission