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Meeting Minutes May 27, 2021 via Zoom

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

Members of the public present – John and Angela Otis; Jack Henderson, Western Earthworks; Adam Christie, David Bolton, Matt Braccio, Greg Brawders, all from Protech Energy Solutions.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

RDA, 61 Old Goshen Road, Angela and John Otis: The proposal is for building a Title 5 leach field and a building outside of the 100-foot buffer zone. Stockman Associates delineated the wetlands. Mark Thompson created the septic plan. All work will be done outside of the 100 foot buffer zone. Commissioners issued a Negative 1 determination.

Update on Hatfield Street Solar Array: Protech Energy Systems wants to build a temporary crossing in the same location as the planned permanent crossing. It would be done with logs lined with timber mats to allow equipment to cross during June- about 12 trips. The crossing would be approximately 40 to 50 feet long and 10 feet wide, and would sit 2 to 3 feet above the stream. The bridge will be made from trees cut on site. The mats should prevent rutting of the road and infiltration of sediment into the stream. Concern was expressed that there is a high potential for erosion due to the steepness of the site. Trees were cleared for the access road and retention basin. Adam Christie explained that minimal cutting would take place on that eastern, steep slope, and erosion controls and stabilization will be installed. The permanent stream crossing will be constructed in July.

In addition, the Order of Conditions calls for oversight of construction of both stream crossings and the replication and restoration areas. The Commission will engage a third party reviewer, most likely Robin Casioppo from GZA. Rather than waiting until the June 10th meeting to approve this, Commissioners voted to allow Ms. Caplis to meet with Ms. Casioppo independently.

<u>Drainage issue on Main Street:</u> A question arose as to whether a driveway is blocking the hydrologic connection of a drainage channel. Commissioners will reach out to the landowners to request a site visit.

Minutes from May 13 were approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted, Melinda McCall Secretary - Williamsburg Conservation Commission