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Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2017

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

Members of the public present – Charles Miller; Emily Stockman, consultant to Liv Pertzoff; Alana Carveth

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

(1) Discussion and review of RDA submitted by Charles Miller for replacing the bridge decking of his property at 86 Ashfield Road. The Commissioners found a negative determination (#2) as the proposed work will not disturb the soil. Mr. Miller acknowledged that if the engineer's inspection of the bridge supports determines more work is needed, Mr. Miller will notify the Conservation Commission.

(2) Discussion with Emily Stockman, consultant to Liv Pertzoff of 7 Depot Road regarding possible actions to address repeated flooding from downstream beaver dams. There have been three emergency certifications on this. Ms. Stockman is exploring options.

Marcianna Caplis C. Todd Lynch Joseph Rogers Mary Dudek Andrew MacLachlan
Williamsburg Conservation Commissioners
Melinda McCall, Commission Secretary

(3) Alana Carveth, Hilltown Land Trust's Americorps Land Stewardship Coordinator, presented to the Commission an offer for Americorps volunteers to do work to support the Conservation Commission. This offer was accepted enthusiastically, and the Commissioners suggested a variety of tasks. These include: walking and marking boundaries of town properties and checking for level of invasives (Geer Hill, Briar Hill, Hull property); creating a visual map of properties owned by the town, (especially conservation areas) and who is responsible for them; provide educational materials about invasives. The work needs to have measurable results, permanent benefits, and be completed by July 25th to meet the land trust's requirements. Ms. Carveth will send a pre-assessment form.

(4) A Forest Cutting Plan was received from Baystate Forestry for work to be done on South Street.

(5) There were no minutes to be read from the September meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for December 14 at 7.00 pm, followed by a joint meeting with the Open Space and Trails committees at 7:30.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Several members of the committee joined members of the Open Space Committee to discuss future collaboration.

**Respectfully submitted,
Melinda McCall
Secretary - Williamsburg Conservation Commission**