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Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2022
via Zoom

Commissioners present – Marci Caplis, Mary Dudek, Andrew MacLachlan, Melinda McCall

Members of the public present – Suzy Fortgang, David Nehring, Apostol Hoda, Ryan Stanley

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

RDA, 88 Main Street, Suzy Fortgang and David Nehring:

The owners plan to renovate and modernize the house. Part of the plan is to dig a basement by hand to enable placement of updated plumbing. All work will be done within the existing footprint. Excavated soil will be hauled away and deposited on the owners' farm. If the need arises to store the soil on site, the Conservation Commission will be notified. The site is riverfront but the land is previously developed and no additional impact will be made on the wetland resource. Commissioners approved the plan with a Negative 2 determination.

Preliminary review of RDA, 11 East Main Street, Hoda and Stanley:

The owners shared a planting plan to support their request for reclaiming and rewilding the river bank. The area is approximately 120' along the river, and 40 feet up the bank. No spraying or use of heavy equipment is planned. In the fall, existing tall plants will be mowed and a wetland conservation mix will be sown, then protected with straw. Owners will continue cutting and digging out knotweed. Commissioners asked for a narrative of the work to be included in the RDA, which will be heard at the July 14 meeting.

Discussion of Order of Conditions for Cranston:

Commissioner Caplis planned to submit the Certificate of Compliance at the Registry of Deeds, but a \$105 fee was required. There is a great deal of confusion about the issue because Mr. Cranston feels he has already sold the house to his children with no complications from a lien. The DEP has the COC on record, Mr. Cranston has all of the paperwork in case it is needed in the future.

Update on Beaver Brook golf course:

A site visit will be scheduled in the second week of July.

Discussion of Commission projects:

Boundary marking at Gere Hill Conservation Area: Abutters have been notified and asked for information about boundaries. Only one person replied.

Clearing Invasive plants at 50 Chesterfield has been approved by the Select Board. Commissioners approved hiring Matt Verson, licensed herbicide applicator, to survey the site and make a treatment proposal. Abutters will be notified.

Updates:

- Euonymus was removed from the South Street field, and replacement native shrubs will be planted in the fall.

Minutes from June 8 were approved as amended.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda McCall
Secretary - Williamsburg Conservation Commission