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## **Meeting Minutes – September 28, 2017**

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

Members of the public present – Barbara Ferrante Bricker, Kevin McCaffry, John Perry, John Cotton, Kevin Plumer, Mary Colwell, Geoff LeBaron, Heidi Johnson, Dave Waldo, Joanna Vaughn, Brad Eichwald, Gene Callahan.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

- (1) The Commission reviewed a RDA for 3 North Main Street submitted by owner Barbara Ferrante Bricker. The owner wishes to landscape around the house, which is entirely within the riverfront; the plan is to put a garden area in the front (facing the street) and a gravel walkway along the side of house, and to remove the narrow asphalt pad at the rear of house along the river. Joe Rogers moved for a Negative 2 determination to provide the permit, which was seconded by Mary Dudek. All commissioners voted in favor.
- (2) The Commission reviewed a RDA for solar power field plans at the Briar Hill Road site proposed by Dynamic Energy Solutions, represented by John Perry and consultant SWCA engineer Kevin McCaffry. The property is owned by Hull Forestland. The array would cover 18.5 acres of a former gravel extraction site. Conservation Commission members Dudek, Lynch, MacLachlan, and Rogers performed a site visit on September 25, 2017. After the Commission identified permit conditions and considered comments from the public, Joe Rogers moved for a Negative 3 determination to approve the permit. Mary Dudek seconded the motion and all Commission members approved.
- (3) The Commission reviewed a RDA for 7 Deer Haven Road submitted by owner Kevin Plumer. The proposal is to install a shed on the residential property. Joe Rogers moved, Andrew MacLachlan seconded, for a Negative 5 approval of the permit (exemption: conversion of lawn). All commissioners approved.
- (4) The Commission reviewed a RDA for 13 Main Street, owner Mary Colwell, who requests a permit to remove damaged or dying trees along the river at the rear of the property. A motion for a Negative 2 determination to provide the permit was made by Joe Rogers, seconded by Todd Lynch, and approved by all commissioners.

- (5) The Commission discussed plans for potential house construction at 25 Village Hill Road with owner Dave Waldo and prospective buyers Heidi Johnson, and Geoff LeBaron. Concerns include the size and placement of a new house lot and driveway to avoid wetland resources on the property. Commissioners recommended that a wetland consultant be retained to work with the engineer and building contractor. The owners were told that the site wetland mapping performed in 2015 by Stockman Associates would be valid until September 2018.
- (6) The Commission discussed plans for potential house construction at 15 North Farms Road with Joanne Vaughn, Brad Eichwald, and listing agent Gene Callahan. Commissioners informed them that the 2009 wetlands delineation information for the site were too old to be valid and a new delineation was needed.
- (7) The Commission reviewed a RDA for 5 Adams Road, Todd Lynch owner. As a Commission member, Todd recused himself from deliberations. Conservation Commission members Dudek, MacLachlan, and Rogers performed a site visit on September 25, 2017. The plans presented extend a curtain drain in order to protect a developed portion of the property. After identifying work conditions, Mary Dudek proposed a Negative 3 approval of the permit, which was seconded by Andrew MacLachlan and approved by all commissioners.
- 8) The Commission reviewed a RDA for Valley View Road (end of street, number uncertain) submitted by Jeff Bosworth. Motion to deny permit with a Positive 1 determination made by Joe Rogers, seconded by Mary Dudek and approved by all commissioners.
- 9) Mary Dudek made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Andrew MacLachlan, and approved by all.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted, Andrew MacLachlan