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Meeting Minutes – 3/8/18

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

Members of the public present – none

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

1. Commissioners discussed best use of money in the Conservation Commission account.
 - Signs about dog policy are needed for three of the four properties in the commission's domain.
 - Invasive species control. Perhaps doing outreach and having a volunteer clean up day.
 - Helping the Trails Committee pay for Kiosk repairs, stream crossing bridges, etc.

2. Reporting by Mary Dudek (write-up in absentia) and Andrew MacLachlan about the workshops they attended at the MACC annual conference. Two valuable points were brought up.

- A useful tool for communities is on-line access to a GIS map of all of the water resources in town, with an overlay of town parcels so that landowners can see what resources they have. The maps would not include the buffer zones, but would include a scale so that people can estimate the zones themselves.
- For construction sites greater than one acre, the landowner must get EPA permits. The law requires regular assessment that orders of conditions are being met. In these situations, the Conservation Commission can add their orders to the EPA permit, so that regular inspections and assessments of these orders are made and get reported on.

3. Joe Rogers reported on an email conversation he had with Jason Harder, the owner of 7 Laurel Road, Haydenville. Mr. Harder reported that he was going to take down some trees and was wondering if he would need to report to the Commission. Joe said he would set up an inspection after the snow melts.

4. There appears to be a lot of erosion on the Nehring lot. The original order of conditions for that property was supposed to be fulfilled last July but the order was revised. That revision was not found in the file. Marci will contact Emily Stockman, the wetlands consultant, to find out the status of the project.

5. It was proposed that the Conservation Commission meet with the Open Space Committee to include planning for climate change and climate resiliency.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda McCall

Secretary - Williamsburg Conservation Commission