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## **Meeting Minutes –June 14, 2018**

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

**Members of the public present – None**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm**

- Bill was presented for dog signs for Commission properties. Will need posts for the signs at Horse Mountain and Briar Hill. Todd and Joe will install them. Briar Hill and Hall properties have existing posts.
- Update on getting matching funds from DCR for invasives removal: Deadline for application was in April. The paperwork is involved, so the Commission will start working on it for next year. We could possibly partner with the Highway Department for invasives on the land for the park project.
- Update on tree removal behind the Snack Bar: the site is 218 feet from the stream so in a safe zone.
- Update on tree cutting on the golf course: The cutting was done within the time frame allowed on the cutting plan. Although the cutting was overdone and should have been dealt with differently, the lack of compliance wasn't extreme, especially in light of the new cutting rules.
- Update on site visit at Nehring property: Will schedule for July 9th at 6:00, the week of next Commission meeting.

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

- Update on Dunkin Donuts site visit: Need to get contact information for Levesque.
- Update on tree removal at Family Vets: Tree was removed by the utility company.
- The Commission reviewed the changes made on the Depot Road flooding plan. The Commission signed an Emergency Certification. (The certification was later rejected by the DEP.) The Commissioners would like a meter, a visual marker of the flood level. The water must reach a particular level before calling for an emergency certification. the marker should be installed by Emily Stockman. It was suggested that Ms. Petroff could just send a photo if she had the technological capability. The commissioners would also like for people to know there are boundaries around when people can contact individual commissioners - not after 6:00 pm. Ms. Caplis will contact Emily Stockman about communicating protocols.
- The time may be ripe for proposing a Wetlands Protection by-law. Some ideas for what the commissioners really want to protect are isolated vegetated wetlands and vernal pools (both certified and potential.) Guidelines for bordering vegetated wetlands could be no interference within 25 feet of wetland, site visit and guidance by the Commission at 25-50 feet from the wetlands, and general guidance for 50 to 100 feet from the wetland. In the village center where the river is channelized, different guidelines may be called for. Would fines be imposed that would be collected by the town?
- Mark Stinson offered to meet with Ms. McCall to look at the proper process for required paperwork. She and Mary Dudek would both like to meet with him.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:05**

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda McCall

Secretary - Williamsburg Conservation Commission