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Meeting Minutes – June 29, 2017

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

Members of the public present –

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

16 Walpole Road

Commissioners discussed the multiple, on-going issues at the property on 16 Walpole Road, and reviewed the draft restoration plan submitted by Stockman Associates. Based on their site visit, Commissioners agreed that delineations by Stockman Associates of the wetlands and stream bank are sufficient. Commissioners concurred that 5' of width is adequate for the sides of the road to allow farm machinery through. They stipulated that nothing was to be stored in the buffer zone, not plant material, machinery or soil.

The Commission also felt it necessary to clarify actions outlined in the plan, for example:

- To specify invasive plant species that are targeted for removal, and the methods to be employed in their removal, what chemicals will be used, etc.
- What percentages of the invasive plant species will be eliminated over time?
- What native plants will be installed after invasive plant removal?

Other issues included definition of restoration areas, limit of invasive plant control, and planting in the restoration zones.

The Commission requested an increase in restoration plantings at a 2:1 ratio and a written table outlining the number of plantings.

Finally, the Commissioners will define the limit of work zones.

Haydenville Public Library

Commissioners discussed additional work to be done to the retaining wall at the Haydenville Library. This work would include the installation of a 2' x 6' cap onto the retaining wall to accommodate a fence installed at a later date. Project landscape architect Nick Dines will send Natural Heritage documentation regarding the changes.

Andrew MacLachlan moved to allow plan change as proposed, and Mary Dudek seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

At 9:15 pm, Mary Dudek made a motion to adjourn. Joe Rogers seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Lynch