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Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2019

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

Members of the public present - Ned and Libby Jalbert *for 7 South Main Street*; Thomas Kaye *for 81 Depot Road*; Robin Karlin and Brad Allen *for 99 Main Street*

Meeting was called to order at 7:00

Review of RDA for 7 South Main Street, Ned and Libby Jalbert-

Commissioners reviewed plans for replacing the driveway. The plan entails removing old asphalt, leveling with gravel, and replacing asphalt with a 3 inch pitch toward the river. Mr. Rogers noted that there are two small spots beside a stairway that leads down to the river that might lead to some material flow toward the river but there is a low spot in the lawn, like a basin, that would catch most materials. There is no space for hay bales to catch any sediment, but the work will take less than a week, which reduces the opportunity for erosion. The commissioners found a Negative 2, with no conditions. Approved unanimously.

Review of RDA for 81 Depot Road, Thomas Kaye Commissioners reviewed plans for adding a 2" layer of asphalt on top of an existing driveway. The driveway is sloping and has developed a crack in the center due to settling. The crack will get cleaned out before the asphalt is laid applied. Additional riprap will be added along the sides to meet the new asphalt level. There is no change in footprint. The commissioners found a Negative 3 with conditions - adding straw wattle with stakes between Depot Road and the bridge abutment. Approved unanimously.

Conversation with owners of 99 Main Street/Family Vets, Robin Karlin and Brad Allen. The owners were advised that the wetland and buffer zone on their property are state-protected resources. Any activity in this area needs to be communicated to the Conservation Commission via a RDA or Emergency Certification. Commissioners will make a site visit to assess the area, and recommended the owners get an arborist to evaluate the trees along the river.

Update on Hatfield Street solar array. GZA Geoenvironmental, Inc. did a peer review of the wetlands delineation. Most of the lines were correct, but GZA found one large lobe that went right up the access road. Involved parties will get a review of the wetlands delineation, a narrative of the findings, and a review of the NOI. There will be a joint meeting between the Zoning Board and the Planning Commission to review the project. The engineers requested a continuation of the hearing to the May 9th meeting.

Preview of the Beaver Brook Golf Club NOI. Commissioners reviewed the submitted NOI. They found some errors and missing information. Recommendation will be made to the owners at the May meeting to hire a professional to delineate the BVW and to assist in the permitting process.

Funding for the Greenway Park. The Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grant program (MVP) provides support for cities and towns in Massachusetts to begin the process of planning for climate change resiliency and implementing priority projects. The state awards communities with funding to complete vulnerability assessments and develop action-oriented resiliency plans. Communities who complete the MVP program become certified as an MVP community and are eligible for MVP Action grant funding and other opportunities. Gaby Immerman of the Greenway Committee is working with the PVPC Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (to get Williamsburg Certified?) The Select Board does not want to get involved, so Greenway would like for the Conservation Commission to be the municipal connection.

Update on Black Bear Study. Ms. Caplis shared information about the study with Bill Turner of the Highway Department. He supports locating the hair snares on Water Department property.

Minutes from the March 9 and April 11 meetings were accepted with changes.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted,
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Secretary - Williamsburg Conservation Commission

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