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## Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2019

**Commissioners present - *Marci Caplis, Mary Dudek, Andrew MacLachlan***

### **Members of the public present -**

- Terry and Joan Lenkowski from 101 Main Street
- Ron Lavigne, Mickey Spokes, Chris Duval, and Mike Bilbo???? from Beaver Brook: Matt Anderson, BB abutter,
- Robin Casioppo from GZA, Rich Kirby from LEC, Adam Christie from ZPT, Chris Ryan from ZPT, Jeanne O’Neil from the Planning Board, for the Hatfield Street Solar Array
- Mark Stinson from DEP.

### **Meeting was called to order at 7:00.**

Guidance request for 101 Main Street, Haydenville, Lenkowski. Homeowners would like to remove trees along a brook that are growing into power lines. Since the trees are on private land, the cutting is not an exempt maintenance activity. A site visit to determine the best route for the landowners to take was proposed.

Review of NOI for Beaver Brook Golf Club. Several issues with the NOI were discussed.

- Discussion about whether the project should be viewed as redevelopment and maintenance of an existing golf course or as work in a wetlands.
- Each bridge and the associated work needs to be described in detail, as well as any work on paths or culverts. Mr. Stinson said that no file number can be issued for the work until the fees and proposals meet expectations.
- Mr. Duval and Ms. Spokes explained why the work on cart paths was necessary and protective of the wetlands. The Commission replied that the description of the planned work should include the intention for and benefit of such work, such as how the improvements reduce the impact on the resource area.
- Regulation 1058-(6)a says that certain areas are exempt from riverfront regulations.
- There are errors and discrepancies in the Cart Path maintenance table.
- There should be no mowing along the river. Mr. Duval stated his concern that the trees will grow up and beavers will move in, creating more flooding.

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- To expedite the permitting process, some of the work could be done through a RDA, while some would need a NOI. If any work is in the plan that is not necessary, just considered, such as replacement of flattened culvert, that could be removed from the plan.
- Filing fees: There are a number of activities, each of which comes with a fee. Ms. Spokes said she didn't know fees were due on projects not making an impact on the resource area. If there is a dispute about filing fees requested by the Conservation Commission, applicant can submit a request for determination of fees to the DEP as per regulation 10.037.
- Rather than delineate the wetlands on the entire property, it would be sufficient to delineate just around the immediate work areas.
- Ms. Caplis suggested that once improvements are made on the plan, the Commission could review it before applicants send it to the DEP. What the Commission needs on the corrected NOI:
  - Results of stream status.
  - Floodplain highlighted on the map.
  - Descriptions with justification for the work.
  - Adjusted fee schedule.
  - Reference to regulations 1056A and 10.02 2B
- Hearing was continued to June meeting

Continued Review of NOI for Hatfield Street Solar Array. Robin Casippio from GZA presented her findings from the peer review of the original wetlands delineation. While the original delineation was mostly accurate, there was one additional finding which resulted in moving the access road further uphill away from the wetlands. This section is steeper and requires extra grading and swales. Plans will be updated. Mr. Stinson wants a Replication Checklist and monitoring reports, as well as an additional Category 4 fee for a stream crossing. There was also a question about how contractors would cross the stream before the bridge is installed. Response is that there is an existing logging bridge. Mr. Stinson would like an clear explanation in the NOI of how the work will progress. The hearing was continued to May 30 at 7:30.

Minutes from April 25 were accepted with changes.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:45**

Respectfully submitted,  
 Melinda McCall  
 Secretary - Williamsburg Conservation Commission