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Meeting Minutes-July 11, 2019

Commissioners present – *Marcianna Caplis, Andrew MacLachlan, and Joe Rogers*

Members of the public present – Coni Gilman, Kayla Solomon, Jason Cooney, Robin Cooney, Allen Gulel, Bob Fournier

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

- 57 South Street garage addition, Coni Gilman and Kayla Solomon. An addition is planned to an existing home. Most of the addition will be located on existing driveway. It is 90-100 feet from the bordering vegetated wetland, and the land between that and the house is mostly gently sloping lawn. There will be no vegetation removed. There doesn't appear to be any danger of impacting the resource area so the commissioners found a negative (3) determination, with conditions for erosion control during construction. Abutters Jason and Robin Cooney were present but voiced no concerns.
- Hearing for NOI, 10 River Road solar array, Bob Fournier of SK Design Group for Lawrence and Gerald Lashway. The plan calls for a 6 MW array on 19.5 acres on a 60 acre site. The site is located on the south side of Unquomunk Brook just outside of the 200 foot riverfront buffer zone. An 8 foot wide ATV trail cuts through the middle, and will be used as an access road. There is an AT&T easement on the south side, with a small section of woodland just south of that which will be cut. Stumps will be left for coppicing.

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Williamsburg Conservation Commissioners
Melinda McCall, Commission Secretary

There will be no grading on site other than on the access road. A temporary staging area is planned for the north side of the stream so that the steep access road will not have to be graded to accommodate larger trucks. A bridge across Unquomunk will not accommodate large trucks either. Part of River Road will need to be widened. Another proposal will need to be submitted for this, with the Town of Williamsburg as the applicant.

Planned runoff controls are: two detention basins, with runoff channeled into the buffer zone; a swale along the access road; and abutments along the river by the bridge.

The commissioners want details about a temporary bridge planned to the west to allow access to place concrete blocks for the permanent bridge. They also want erosion control plans for both the temporary bridge and the temporary road. Other questions/requests: information about type of seed mix planned for under the solar panels, the O & M plans for mowing, information about maintaining sufficient soil to sustain growth of grass, possibility of reducing the need to clear a 40 foot wide swath for a 15-foot-wide road, possibility of moving the temporary bridge closer to the site of permanent bridge in order to be farther from BVW, use of lawn rather than tall meadow for coefficients for stormwater calculations, details for minimizing impacts to resource area, details about removing erosion controls, information for restoration plans after the removal of a temporary bridge, possibility of redirecting water flow from outlet by bridge to the wetland rather than directly into the river, investigate of the structural integrity of the culvert on driveway, ensure adequate flagging on the 200-foot riverfront line, include data forms from the wetland flagging, use intermediate wattles following the contours within the array zone to break up the runoff. The commission would like to have a site visit to see flagging, as well as get a third-party review of wetlands delineation.

The hearing was continued to the August meeting. Site visit was scheduled for 8:00 am. on Monday, July 22.

- Discussion about the Right of First Refusal for 73 Old Goshen Road. Many committees were notified of this. Ms. Caplis will contact Sally Loomis.
- Request for Emergency Certification for dealing with beaver dam at the pumping station. Mr. MacLachlan scheduled a site visit for Friday, July 12. Highway Dept. would like to use a backhoe to break the dam. Commissioners recommend taking the dam out slowly to minimize mud in water.
- Follow up on Certificate of Compliance for Brian Davis. The requested driveway repairs were made, and the Certificate was given to Mr. Davis.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda McCall
Secretary - Williamsburg Conservation Commission