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Meeting Minutes-August 8, 2019

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

Members of the public present – Sue Froelich, Smith College; Gil Loud, 17 Briar Hill Road; Emily Stockman, Geoff LeBaron, Heidi Johnson, Amy Bisbee, Jim Pepper, Leslie and Cathy Burnett for Village Hill Road project; Eric Weber and Dave Weber, 3 Valley View Road; Eric Driver, Josh Lynn, 4 Fairfield Road.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

- Sue Froelich, on behalf of a soils professor at Smith College, requested photos of erosion damage at the construction site for Dynamic Energy solar array for use in a soil engineering class. Ms. Caplis gave her the digital photos on a thumb drive.
- RDA for new house construction at 17 Briar Hill Road, Gil Loud. A site visit determined no presence of wetlands on the property. The commissioners found a negative-1 determination.
- 3 Valley View Road; Eric Weber and Dave Weber. They would like to remove a Norway Maple. The commissioners recommend the land owners submit a RDA. A site visit was scheduled for 5:00 Monday, August 19th and the RDA will be reviewed at the August 22 meeting.
- Wetlands consultant Emily Stockman brought an estimate for conducting a peer review of the wetlands delineations and recommendations for the SK Design solar installation at 5 and 5A

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Hatfield Road. She said that the town would need to issue her a Special Municipal Employee status. She will send information. The special status needs to be approved by the Select Board. She included a disclosure form with the estimate because she has a mutual client with SK Design and is also doing a peer review in Otis for a different SK Design project.

- NOI for 35 Village Hill, driveway construction and possible sewer connection for proposed house; Heidi Johnson and Geoff LeBaron owners. A wetland and beginning of an intermittent stream lie between the road and the building site. Any driveway would need to cross the wetland. The sequence of events would be to have another site visit after the contractor stakes out new driveway, install erosion controls, fortify the driveway if needed to allow access for a well-digging truck and for exploratory work. If the homeowners are able to connect to the sewer, pipes would not be installed until next year. Trenching would happen from the finished driveway, so there would be minimal disruption. Materials such as soil from the trench would be stockpiled at the turnaround near the road. The discovery part of the hearing was closed. The hearing was continued to the next meeting, August 22. Commissioners will write an Order of Conditions.
- Inquiry about NOI for 4 Fairfield Avenue house addition. Josh Lynn, property owner and Eric Driver, contractor came to the Commission with questions about writing an NOI. Commissioners had already conducted a site visit, and assisted Mr. Lynn with the basic requirements of the NOI. The hearing is scheduled for August 22.
- Concerns about apparent violations at Beaver Brook Golf Course. Ms. Caplis will write a letter stating that unpermitted bridges have been installed. The Commission would like to visit the property and then meet with owner to see how the Commission could help him do his work legally. She will include a list of wetlands consultants and urge him to hire one.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda McCall
Secretary - Williamsburg Conservation Commission

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