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Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2020

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

Members of the public present - Barbara Young, David Weber, Jason Harder, Meredith Savage, Dan Banister, Charlene Nardi, Jeff Smith, Richard LaFlamme, Steve Salvini

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

NOI for Depot Road culvert replacement: Continued to the March meeting.

Enquiry about 3 Valley View Road: Barbara Young and David Weber enquired if a RDA would be necessary for work they plan to do at their home. The commissioners recommended a RDA that details the amount of fill needed and any alteration of wetlands.

12 High Street: Landowner Jason Harder and Wetland Scientist Meredith Savage met with the Commission and Highway Department Superintendent Dan Bannister to discuss options for improving drainage in the abutting stream channel. The channel is an intermittent stream which is silting in from sand runoff from Grove and High Streets. They inquired about the town building catch basins to capture sand runoff, but the town is not able to do that. The secondary inquiry is how to remove the existing sand and silt, as well as the leaves and branches that have been dumped by neighbors. The commissioners recommended that Mr. Harder submit a NOI for a limited project or for an ecological restoration limited project.

NOI, Beaver Brook Golf Course: Jeff Smith and Steve Salvini from Prime AE, and Richard LaFlamme, groundskeeper presented the final information to complete the NOI: a planting plan, and Operations and Management plan, and a pesticide info packet. The Commissioners appreciated the thoroughness and quality of the submitted plans. Mr. Smith will put all of the pieces together into a single PDF and send it to the DEP. The hearing was closed. The Commissioners will put together a draft Order of Conditions to review and vote on at the March meeting.

Marcianna Caplis C. Todd Lynch Joseph Rogers Mary Dudek Andrew MacLachlan
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Violation at 86 Ashfield Road: Charles Miller sent a response to the Commission's Violation letter. He is lining up an engineer and wetland scientist to work on the situation. Ms. Caplis will respond to him.

Other Business

Review of proposed Wetlands Bylaw: The fee structure for RDAs and enforcement orders was discussed, as well as how to disseminate the information before Town Meeting. A forum was proposed. Mr. Rogers will speak with Janice Stone, from the Hadley Conservation District, who has experience getting a Bylaw passed. Ms. Caplis will make final edits and send the document to the Planning Board.

Terra Corps request for information about hunting on town owned lands: Ms Caplis responded to their request.

GIS for town use: Mr. Rogers got a circulated letter from Polly Ryan, a student looking for GIS projects for a class. She agreed to use available GIS data and improve the data layers, as well as make it more user friendly and helpful to the community. For example, the Trails Committee would like to have a layer showing their trails.

Minutes from both December and January were accepted with revisions.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda McCall
Secretary - Williamsburg Conservation Commission