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Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2020

Meeting via Zoom

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

Members of the public present - none

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Follow up on Berkshire Design's proposal for restoration work responding to the Enforcement Order for the bridge at 86 Ashfield Road: The Commission sent Chris Chamberland at Berkshire Design a letter confirming the Commission's acceptance of parts 1 and 3 of their restoration plan.

Request for COC from Western Mass Electric for installation of utility poles:

The request caused some concern because the pictures were a year old, and the silt fence had already been removed. Ms. Caplis requested updated pictures and explanation for early removal of silt fence.

Request for copy of NOI submitted for removal of invasives in the proposed town park to be used as a model: A copy was sent to Steve Ivas at Ivas Environmental.

Update on removal of invasives at the Hall property: 2 years worth of treatment has been done. There is an option for a third year if necessary. Mr. Rogers will check the status of the site.

New building at Beaver Brook Golf Course: Commissioners looked at the map and plans.

Town Culvert Replacement: The town highway department is preparing its own NOI for this project. Mr Rogers feels that a wetland scientist would better be able to provide the level of information required by DEP in order to make the project permittable. Mark Stinson at DEP will be asked how to deal with a culvert replacement that is an improvement over existing conditions, but won't meet stream crossing standards.

Public Safety Complex: Marci and Joe will be having a conversation with the OPM committee about the proposed site for the new complex, and what to be aware of when working in the riparian zone. Marci will talk to Mark about working in the riverfront

Unpermitted activity along the Mill River: A large cement pad was poured in late September. The Commission needs to do an enforcement order.

Minutes from September 10, 2020 were approved.

Next meeting was scheduled for November 12 at 7:00 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda McCall
Secretary - Williamsburg Conservation Commission