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**Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2021
via Zoom**

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

Members of the public present – Andrew Morehouse

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

34 and 36 South Street: Andrew Morehouse owns both lots. His home is on lot 34, 1.6 acres. Parcels 2 and 3 make up close to one hundred acres and extend up to Unquomunk mountain. There is enough frontage for two to three lots. Mr. Morehouse is considering building one house on that lot, and came to the Conservation Commission for information and feedback.

Currently there is a dirt road that accesses that property which would become the driveway. A culvert for an intermittent stream runs under that road. Commissioners explained that the buffer zone for that stream extends 100 feet from the bank or BVW. Work can be permitted in that area but must be reviewed by the Commission. A plan submitted for approval must:

- address possible alternatives that could avoid resource areas
- methodologies that could minimize or avoid impact
- map with limits to the project drawn in
- photos
- delineations of the wetlands: OLIVER map could help, but a professional delineator would be better

The land is currently forested, so vegetation would need to be cleared. There is also a marshy meadow. This meadow should be kept unmowed, with the trees that have seeded in left to grow.

Wetlands By-Law: The draft by-law will be sent to the Select Board for

consideration for this spring's town meeting. A cover letter explaining the need for such a by-law will be included. A letter of support will be requested from the Open Space Committee and the Planning Board.

40 Goshen Road: Ms. Caplis sent a note to the potential buyer, Mr. McCutcheon, explaining that a NOI would be required for the work he is considering on the property before work could begin.

Further discussion about 36 South Street:

- **concern about cutting so many trees, but Commission can ensure that it is thoughtfully done and not excessive.**
- **A delineation will likely find a lot of wetlands. Request will be made to delineate further up the hill, as map shows channels.**
- **It is legal to subdivide a lot with wetlands, though not one with a river.**
- **Will require a variance for a shared driveway, but creating a second wetland crossing should be discouraged.**
- **With such a steep slope, there is a concern about potential runoff flowing to the town wells across the street.**

Minutes from February 25, 2021 were approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda McCall
Secretary - Williamsburg Conservation Commission