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Meeting Minutes April 14, 2022 via Zoom

Commissioners present – Marci Caplis, Andrew MacLachlan, Melinda McCall

Members of the public present – Jenn and David Gazillo

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Discussion of Enforcement Order, 10B Eastern Avenue, Gazillo:

An enforcement order was issued to notify the landowners that the work taking place in the wetlands buffer zone needed to stop until the work was properly permitted. In addition, any reduction in viable wetlands would need to be remediated.

There is an extensive wetland behind the property, and the Gazillos reported that their property is getting wetter each year as the wetland encroaches. They were building up part of the yard to combat the changes and to preserve a play area. They believe some culverts downstream are blocked, and that drainage from the road is contributing to the problem.

Commissioners requested a site visit to look at both the water flow issue and the work done in the wetlands in order to come up with solutions. Restoration could possibly be handled by planting swaths of native wetland plants which could help dry the area. If culverts or road runoff are a problem, then action could be taken, possibly by the town's Highway Department, to address those issues. Commissioners also suggested hiring a consultant to delineate the existing wetlands.

Discussion of actual and proposed work at Beaver Brook golf course:

- A trench has been dug in front of Dot's Golf restaurant.
- The ZBA reported that the owner wants to restore some storage units. Ms. Caplis informed the ZBA that any work must be permitted by DEP and the Conservation

Commission.

- Ms. Caplis will speak with the consultant, Jeff Smith about the mowing being done despite the prohibition in the Order of Conditions.
- The Order of Conditions did recently get filed with the Registry of Deeds.

Discussion of RDA submitted for a house addition at 88 Main Street, Susie Fortgang:

The plan submitted was incomplete. Ms. Fortgang was informed that a plot plan, with clear distances to the wetlands, was required.

Site visit to Hatfield Road solar site was scheduled for the upcoming Monday, April 18.

Minutes from March 10 were approved as amended.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted, Melinda McCall Secretary - Williamsburg Conservation Commission