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Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2023
via Zoom

Commissioners present – Marci Caplis, Mary Dudek, Andrew MacLachlan, Melinda McCall, Joe Rogers

Members of the public present – Clarisse Netto, entomology student.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Update, Flooding at the Family Veterinary clinic, 99 Main Street:

The Commission had received a call about flooding conditions behind the Family Veterinary Clinic. The owner said that flooding has been worse since trees were cleared for the solar array that was built on the hill behind the building. An initial site visit noted water pooled on the lawn.

Secondary site visits discovered erosion trails from the array. This movement of water off of the solar site needs to be addressed in the SWPPP inspection. It was unclear during the site visit if there were connections to the complaint. Ms. Caplis will notify Adam Christie at Pro-Tech Energy. Ms. McCall will notify the veterinary clinic.

In the future, the town highway department can be asked to look at the culvert under Route 9 in light of the highway rebuild, to see if that would improve drainage from adjacent properties.

Update on Beaver Brook Gold Course violations:

A letter was sent to the owner, Chris Duval, clarifying the regulations concerning removal of beavers, and the necessity to prove that the beavers are impacting the owner's revenue stream. Mr. Rogers shared The Citizens' Guide to Addressing Beaver Conflicts that details the regulatory process for dealing with beavers, as well as the

Application for 10-Day Emergency Beaver or Muskrat Permit, forms required by the Division of Fish and Wildlife before removing beavers.

Update on boundary markings at Commission properties:

The marking at Gere Hill was done as far as WoodSmith Forestry could confidently determine the boundaries. One section was left unmarked due to a lack of concrete evidence. The Briar Hill property has not yet been marked but will be in the spring. The Horse Mountain property is administered under a Conservation Restriction held by Kestrel Land Trust, who would be responsible for marking it.

Minutes from November 10, 2022 were approved as amended. There was no meeting in December.

Next Meeting: March 9, 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda McCall
Secretary - Williamsburg Conservation Commission