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Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2019

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

Members of the public present - Joe Shanahan, Clean Energy Co.; Bob Fournier, SK Design Group; Emily Stockman, Stockman Associates; Tom Rebula, Goddard Consulting; Steve Srar??; Amy Bisbee; Larry Lashway; Gerald Lashway; Stephan Smith; Eric Schmitt; Heidi Johnson; Peter LaBarbera; Jason Harder

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Continuation of NOI for 10 River Road Solar Array. Planning Board meeting was concurrent.

An Enforcement Order had been issued for a violation - storage of materials in a wet meadow on the site. The materials were removed, and a certificate of completion needs to be issued.

Bob Fournier of SK Design presented final plans dated 11-15-19. The final revisions are:

- add a culvert in the Z-series wetland that meets the stream crossing standards.
- Snow fencing will be placed around the proposed staging area to ensure materials are stored only on permitted site.
- All site plans have flags marked, corresponding to those on the ground.
- Erosion controls are strengthened: straw bales plus wattles.
- The new access road is closer to the river. However, four trees have to be removed.
- The seed mix was changed to meet the request to have only native, local, and non-cultivar varieties.

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Melinda McCall, Commission Secretary

- Intermediate erosion controls were added at the solar field site.
- Drainage issues were addressed.
- The invasives control plan was expanded.
- 1.4 acres of planted area was added.

Joe Shanahan of Clean Energy Company added more information.

- The ADS drain will sit three to four feet below the culvert. See page 9 of plan.
- The timber mat will be outside of the high water line.
- The staging area has room for vehicles to maneuver, and will be returned to meadow when the work is finished.

Emily Stockman, the peer review consultant, had confidence in the plans, but recommended requiring a monitor.

A motion to close the information section of the review was made and accepted. The decision making phase was opened.

- The applicant must find certified monitors for replication plantings and construction of access roads.
- Conditions were accepted.

35 Village Hill Road. Heidi Johnson asked for feedback about moving ahead with work on the replication area. Her contractor had time to cut trees to allow access to the utilities trench. He could then remove hydric soils and would like to get the soil to its final place. The existing plants should survive the move well. However, more trees are going to need to be removed than originally thought. Erosion controls (silt sock) would be needed.

RDA for 12 High Street drainage improvement. The plan includes a french drain to catch water as it moves towards the house through an underlying sandy layer of soil. It would discharge above the existing grade and drain into the wetland. A spreader was recommended at the outlet to ensure the water drained where intended. A second part of the plan is to rebuild an existing stone embankment. The existing stones would be moved and used along and under the french rain. The embankment would be replaced by a precast concrete wall. A third part is to remove an old concrete pad that is sitting on an old septic tank. There is concern that the

pad is holding water. The material will be taken off-site. Erosion control would be a silt sock placed along the wetland line.

The commissioners found a Negative 3 with conditions, these conditions being erosion control by silt sock or straw bales along the edge of wetlands, and the removal of concrete from the area.

Other Business

- NOI for Depot Road culvert was continued to December 12.
- A suggestion was made to summarize discussions with people who come to meetings for information without a permit in hand so that these people have a record of what was discussed. Adding a column on sign in sheet for email would facilitate that communication.
- Pictures were found of bridge at 86 Ashfield Street before the unpermitted work was done. These will be sent to DEP.
- Ms. Caplis will send a letter to Linda Gibbon about the tree that was taken down without a permit.
- A site visit was made to Beaver Brook Golf Club that morning in preparation for NOI hearing on December 12.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda McCall
Secretary - Williamsburg Conservation Commission