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Meeting Minutes – August 24, 2017

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

Members of the public present – Ron Lavigne, Mark Wamsley

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

(1) Just prior to the meeting, Conservation Commissioners and MassDEP Circuit Rider Mark Stinson performed a site visit at 78 Mountain Street in response to a complaint about wetlands violations on an abutting property. Mr. Stinson advised the commission to issue a Notice of Violation to the owner, Mr. Emerick.

(2) Ron Lavigne for 17 Hyde Hill Road (Chris Duval) requested information about the process for closing an Enforcement Order. Commissioners discussed and Mr. Lavigne accepted the changes needed, i.e., removing items stored in the vegetation zone beyond the paved area, that were identified after the August 21st site visit, and will inform the commission when that work has been accomplished. Commissioners will revisit the site.

(3) Mark Wamsley for the Kestrel Land Trust presented to the Commission a plan for a 1,035-acre forest conservation project. Known as the Brewer Brook Project, the towns involved are Chesterfield, Westhampton, Northampton, and Williamsburg. Mr. Wamsley asked the Commission to consider holding the conservation restriction (CR) on the Williamsburg portion of about 100 acres. Commissioners agreed in principle, requesting a copy of the CR and clarification of the responsibilities involved in holding it.

(4) Commissioners, having conducted a site visit to the Anne T. Dunphy School on August 7, unanimously approved granting the Certificate of Compliance requested on behalf of the town by Jeffrey Squire of Berkshire Design Group. Motion was made by Joe Rogers and seconded by Todd Lynch.

(5) Meeting minutes of July 27, 2017, were approved as amended. Motion was made by Joe Rogers and seconded by Todd Lynch.

(6) Because of commissioners' travel plans, there would not be a quorum at either the October 12th or 26th meeting. Therefore, the Conservation Commission will not schedule a meeting in the month of October.

(7) Two site visits are scheduled for Monday, September 11th, at 45 Mountain Street and 17 Hyde Hill Road.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm, with Mary Dudek making the motion and Todd Lynch seconding.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew MacLachlan