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## **Meeting Minutes- November 7, 2019**

**Commissioners present** – Marcianna Caplis, Mary Dudek, Andrew MacLachlan, and Joe Rogers

**Members of the public present** – Emily Stockman, Bob Fournier, Amy Bisbee, Jean O’Neal, Paul Kennedy, Charles Dudek

### **Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm**

Emily Stockman was retained by the Town of Williamsburg to perform a Third Party Review of wetlands delineations and the NOI for the 10 River Road solar array. This meeting was called to discuss this review and learn about changes made in the NOI in response to the review.

- Ms. Stockman found that the delineations were accurate, but one wetland was missed. This wetland, referred to as the Z-series, was not depicted on revised site plans. Revised plans must be submitted to reflect the new delineation. In addition, there appeared to be unpermitted activity in this wetland, and the Commission was urged to review this activity.
- Some of the flagging had been removed from the AA series BVW for mowing. Mowing this area is unpermitted and non-exempt. The Commission should review it.
- The applicant should confirm that new staging area was assessed by wetland consultant.
- The applicant should submit a Riverfront Area improvement plan for the Commission’s review and approval per 310 CMR 10.58 (5). Riverfront planting is to be done as mitigation/improvement. There should be an environmental monitor to assure that planting is done in such a way as to maximize success and minimize disturbance of the

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soil. This riverfront area should be well marked and off limits to any future alteration other than required maintenance. This maintenance should include bi-annual mowing around planting until plantings are well established.

- Proposed planting and seed mix should be native to Hampshire County and should not contain cultivars.
- The Basin 2 outlet structure is close to the riverfront area and needs beefed up erosion controls.
- BMP for stormwater controls should be added to the Construction Sequence/Methodology section of the NOI.
- There needs to be clarification about the span of the temporary bridge in the narrative.
- The Commission should ask applicant to propose some names for a compliance monitor during construction of the access road within the riverfront, as well as an Environmental Monitor for planting within the riverfront. The monitoring could be done by the same person if that person has appropriate skills, or one could hire two different people.
- There is a small wetland in the actual array but it is non-jurisdictional as there is no connection with the stream. However, the additional square footage of wetlands may push the project into Army Corps jurisdiction. If that is the case, the applicant may exclude that portion of the array. Ms. Stockman proposed that the Commission add a condition that requires the applicant to copy the Commission on SBN and any other communication with the Army Corps

Bob Fournier of SK Design presented revised plans and information.

- The biggest change in the plans was the addition of the wetland behind the house. It used to be a yard, and is currently being used as a staging area for a Lashway chipping operation.
- The staging area for the solar work was originally planned for that wet area, but has been moved closer to the road, where it is in the floodplain but no longer in the wetland.
- Flagging will be redone before construction begins.
- Improvements to the resource area come from removing an existing garage and shed, revegetating that 1300 square feet. There will be 15,00 square feet of additional planting in the mitigation zone.

- The outlet for the stormwater drainage was moved a bit further from the stream.
- The access road was moved to reduce infringement on wetland.
- The temporary bridge will be in the same location as the permanent bridge, removing the need for a secondary crossing. He will do more work on the plans to ensure the temporary bridge meets stream crossing standards.
- Commissioners requested that the construction sequence be added onto construction plans so that all parties involved will know the sequence to follow. A particular concern is that the energy dissipators (boulders and riprap) be installed early in the construction process. Mr. Fournier said that two phases of construction will be occurring simultaneously by two different contractors: drainage and array frames. So the question is how to keep soil and silt out of the detention basin. The Planning Board and the ZBA have jurisdiction over stormwater, so they could have input on the construction sequence.
- Site visits to look at wetland Z were planned. The Commission will put new requests for the applicant in writing.
- The hearing was continued to November 14.

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:25**

Respectfully submitted,  
Melinda McCall  
Secretary - Williamsburg Conservation Commission