Town of SHELBURNE

Conservation Commission

MINUTES

Regular Meeting ~ April 10, 2018

Present: Norman Davenport, Ellen Jenkins, John Richardson, Allan Smith, Steve McCormick (arrived 7:30)

Absent: None

Administrative Assistant: Faye Whitney

Guests: Jen Hale, Amar Raza, Jim Roman, Levi Roman, Jesse Roman

Chairman Norm Davenport convened the meeting at 7 p.m. A quorum was present.

It was noted that the Commission did not meet in March due to a snowstorm.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Allan, seconded by John, to approve the minutes of February 13, 2018.

Voting to approve: Norm, John, Ellen, Allan

 Opposed: None

 Abstaining: None

**Organizational Matters**

A motion was made by John, seconded by Allan, to approve the report of the Annual Town Report. This was unanimously approved. Steve mentioned that it is important to keep track of building permits so that the entire Commission is aware of them.

Norm announced that he is not planning to be reappointed to the Commission when his term is up on July 1.

**Appointment with Jen Hale – 7:15 p.m.**

Jen Hale’s property is all within the Shingle Brook resource area. She wants to build a garage between her house and driveway. She has consulted wetlands scientist Bill Latrell. The proposed garage would be outside of the 50-foot mean high water of the riverbank but within 100-foot of the mean high water line. No wetlands would be compromised due to the construction.

**RDA Meeting – Mass DOT – 7:30 p.m.**

The meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. by Norm Davenport. Mass DOT plans to resurface Route 2 from the Buckland/Shelburne town line to the Shelburne/Greenfield town line. The existing pavement would be milled to a depth of 2.5 inches then topped by a 2.5-inch asphalt overlay. Work would also include upgrading guardrail end treatments and non-compliant guardrails, upgrading non-compliant ADA ramps, the repair of defective drainage structures, removing sediments from paved waterways, and other related work. No work would be done beyond existing shoulders. There would be no replacement of culverts or pipes, though some may need repairs. The timeline for this project starts in the fall of 2018 and extends to the fall of 2019. It was determined that this is routine maintenance and is exempt under 310CMR10.02(2)(b)2p. A motion was made by Steve, seconded by Allan to approve a negative determination 5, with all work carried out according to the submitted plan and exemptions provided. This was unanimously approved. The meeting was closed at 7:50 p.m.

The Commission discussed the Certificate of Compliance for the Colrain Shelburne Road/Route 2 intersection and determined it was still too soon to observe vegetation growth.

**Appointment with Jim Roman – 8 p.m.**

Jim Roman is the owner of 104-106 Main Street. The property is currently occupied by Jim’s sons, Levi and Jesse, but is essentially a rental property. The Romans explained that water flows down the driveway and into the garage, from there the water goes into the basement of the house. Jim hoped to be able to install a curtain drain in front of the garage doors then channel the water through a pipe into the Deerfield River. The Commission explained that the water would be changed from a sheet to a flow, which could cause erosion to the riverbank. This would violate the Wetlands Protection Act. Various alternatives were discussed and it was suggested that an RDA be sought.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 8.

At 8:35 p.m. Allan, seconded by Steve, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Whitney

Administrative Assistant