Town of SHELBURNE

Conservation Commission

MINUTES

Regular Meeting ~ May 8, 2018

Present: Norman Davenport, Ellen Jenkins, John Richardson, Steve McCormick

Absent: Allan Smith

Administrative Assistant: Faye Whitney

Guests: Ward Smith, Jen Hale

Chairman Norm Davenport convened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by John, seconded by Steve, to approve the minutes of April 10, 2018.

Voting to approve: Norm, John, Ellen, Steve

Opposed: None

Abstaining: None

**Organizational Matters**

John is now sending building permit sign-off requests to all Commission members so everyone will be informed.

**NOI Hearing – Matt and Paula Popoli – 7:15 p.m.**

The hearing was opened at 7:15 p.m. by Norm Davenport. Ward Smith, of Wendell Wetland Services, represented the Popolis. The applicants wish to construct an underground electrical distribution line to the existing barn which is within the riverfront area. All disturbance to the riverfront area will be temporary. The only permanent impact, the transformer pad, will be located more than 200 feet from the perennial stream. As mitigation, a total of 4,025 square feet of various types of debris are proposed to be removed within the riverfront area. Sediment and erosion control will be used during the construction project to protect the wetlands. Following construction, all disturbed ground outside of the existing roadway will be revegetated. This work is being filed under the “redevelopment” provision of the riverfront regulations. Steve commented that the work should be done in dry weather. The DEP had no comments. At 7:30 a motion was made by Ellen to close the hearing. This was seconded by John, and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Steve, seconded by John, to approve the submitted plans as prepared by S.K. Kimberley Engineering, dated February 12, 2018, and the signing of the Order of Conditions for the Popoli project. This was unanimously approved.

**Cooper Variance**

Rachel and Stephen Cooper of 186 Peckville Road, have applied to the ZBA for a variance to construct a garage. The ZBA has requested input from the Commission regarding the possibility of constructing a garage near an existing pond. The Commission reviewed the property boundaries and the provided map. The general consensus was that the south side of the property is within the buffer zone of the pond and would be subject to the Wetlands Protection Act whereas the north side of the property is outside of the buffer zone and therefore not subject to the Wetlands Protection Act.

**Jen Hale – Taylor Road**

The property in question is all within the riverfront area. Jen has been working with wetlands scientist Bill Lattrell, who will be submitting an NOI to asking allow the Hales to build a garage on the property. They may also be resurfacing the existing driveway and drilling a well. All of this will be in the NOI. Jen expects to file the NOI by the end of May.

The next meeting was scheduled for June 12.

At 8:25 p.m. John, seconded by Steve, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Whitney

Administrative Assistant