Town of SHELBURNE

Conservation Commission

MINUTES

Regular Meeting ~ May 14, 2019

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

Absent: None

Administrative Assistant: Faye Whitney

Guests: Cynthia and George Boettner

Chair Norm Davenport opened the meeting at 7 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by John, seconded by Steve, to approve the minutes of March 19, 2019.

 Voting in favor: Norm, John, Ellen, Allan, Steve

 Opposed: None

 Abstentions: None

A motion was made by John, seconded by Steve, to approve the minutes of April 9, 2019.

 Voting in favor: Norm, John, Ellen, Allan, Steve

 Opposed: None

 Abstentions: None

**Organizational Matters/Mail**

Mail included – A notice from the Building Inspector regarding a request from a resident to install an above-ground pool It was agreed that the pool would be located far enough away from a nearby stream.

Discussion took place regarding a fire pond on the Torres property. The pond had been a fire pond until its dam broke. Now it is drained and the hydrant is non-functional. The landowners would like it restored as a fire pond. There had been an RDA for the original project, but another RDA would be needed for the repairs. Jim Burnham of the Shelburne Fire Department would remember the details of the original request and he will be asked for a letter of support for the repair project.

**RDA Meeting Cynthia and George Boettner**

A site visit was done with John, Allan, and Ellen present. The Boettners hope to be able to convert a portion of their lawn and a flower bed to build a storage shed, narrow flagstone pathways to their house and driveway, and a stonewall on the eastern portion of their property. The shortest distance to an intermittent steam from the project s 73 feet from the NW corner of the proposed shed. Silt fencing would be used during the grading, planting, and construction. The staging area for construction could be more than 100 feet from the stream. Bare earth created by the activity will be seeded and/or planted as soon as the construction is finished. It was noted that all work, even the grading, would be outside of the 50-foot stream boundary. There should be minimal impact, and no dramatic alterations to the area. A motion was made by Allan, seconded by John, to approve the RDA for Cynthia and George Boettner with a Negative Determination 2, with no conditions.

 Voting in favor: Norm, John, Ellen, Allan, Steve

 Opposed: None

 Abstentions: None

There were no updates on either the bundled NOIs or on the Taylor Road beaver pond.

The Commissioner briefly discussed bridges which were part of cutting plans.

The next meeting was scheduled for June 11

At 7:52 p.m. John, seconded by Allan, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Whitney

Administrative Assistant