Town of SHELBURNE

Conservation Commission

MINUTES

Regular Meeting ~ August 13, 2019

Present: Norman Davenport, Ellen Jenkins, Steve McCormick

Absent: Allan Smith, John Richardson

Administrative Assistant: Faye Whitney

Guests: Amer Raza

Chair Norm Davenport opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Minutes**

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

 Voting in favor: Norm, Ellen, Steve

 Opposed: None

 Abstentions: None

**RDA Meeting for Mass DOT**

The proposed project was to remove accumulated sediments and dig out vegetation drainage swales at locations along Route 112 between mile markers 43.6 and 44.2, to maintain and improve the existing drainage system. Mr. Raza said that the swales, which catch runoff from the adjoining hillside are no longer holding water, which then runs over the road, and in the winter freezes. Loam and seed will be installed where vegetative growth is needed in the swales. A Jute Mesh blanket will be installed on top to keep the loam in place and allow the grass to grow. Sediment control barriers will be installed around existing drainage structures prior to the start of the work to prevent any sediment from entering the drainage system. A Negative 5 exemption exists for maintenance of existing roadway drainage (see 310 CMR 10.02 (3) and CMR 10.02 (4)). A motion was made by Steve, seconded by Ellen, to accept the RDA for Mass DOT based on Negative Determination 5 as the activity is exempt due to its being the maintenance of existing roadway drainage under 310 CMR 10.02 (3) and CMR 10.02 (4).

 Voting in favor: Norm, Ellen, Steve

 Opposed: None

 Abstentions: None

The three members present filled out their contact information for MACC.

The next meeting was scheduled for September 10.

At 7:35 p.m. Steve, seconded by Ellen, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Whitney

Administrative Assistant