Town of SHELBURNE

Conservation Commission

MINUTES

Regular Meeting ~ October 13, 2020

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

Absent: Allan Smith

Administrative Assistant: Faye Whitney

Guests: John Madocks, Marcia Smith Bill Lattrell

Chair Norm Davenport opened the meeting at 7:25 p.m. A quorum was present. The meeting was held via Zoom.

**RDA Meeting – John Madocks, 34-36 Water Street – 7:15 p.m.**

Mr. Madocks has recently purchased the property. He plans to clean up the vegetation and remove trash, including wires, rocks, and concrete. He also plans to remove the back porch, plant grass, and add wooden stairs leading to the river. The stairs would not involve adding any concrete, but he may move some rocks during the stair project. Mr. Madocks said the interior of the house would be renovated but the outside would not be changed. Future projects may include repairing a concrete retaining wall and removing a dead tree. A motion was made by Steve, seconded by John, to approve the proposed work at 34-36 Water Street with a Negative 2 Determination. Roll call vote: Norm – yes; John – yes; Ellen – yes; Steve – yes. Motion passed 4-0-0.

**RDA Meeting – Marcia Smith, 153 Peckville Road – 7:45 p.m.**

Wetlands Scientist Bill Lattrell has deliniated the wetlands on the property. There is an intermittent stream, a beaver pond and bordering vegetative wetlands. The project will include improving an existing wood road, building a house, and installing a well, and a septic system. A siltation barrier will encompass the entire area of work. The closet disturbance will be 52 feet from the wetland. The siltation barrier will be up before any work begins and will be inspected every week and/or after every storm with greater than one inch of precipitation. All the work is within the buffer zone but is more than 50 feet from the wetland. A motion was made by Steve, seconded by Ellen, to approve the proposed work at 153 Peckville Road with a Negative 3 Determination, with the condition that all work be done in accordance with the filed plan dated September 22,2020. Roll call vote: Norm – yes; John – yes; Ellen – yes; Steve – yes. Motion passed 4-0-0.

**Beavers**

The Commission discussed a beaver dam that has appeared near North South Road. The concern is that it will cause water to back up and undermine a culvert. Commission members will do a site visit and ask for a declaration of emergency from Highway Superintendent Mark Shippee.

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A motion was made by Steve, seconded by Ellen, to approve the minutes of September 8. Roll call vote: Norm – yes; John – yes; Ellen – yes; Steve – yes. Motion passed 4-0-0.

The next meeting will be October 27.

At 8:35 p.m. John, seconded by Ellen, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Norm – yes; John – yes; Ellen – yes; Steve – yes. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Whitney

Administrative Assistant

**Document List**

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RDA Application from Shelburne Highway Department