Town of SHELBURNE

Conservation Commission

MINUTES

Regular Meeting ~ March 8, 2022

Present: John Richardson, Norm Davenport, Steve McCormick

Absent: None

Administrative Assistant: Faye Whitney

Guests: Julie Page, Gabriel Lapollo, Terry Reynolds, Jon Goddard

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

It was noted that there had been no meetings in December, January, or February.

**Minutes**

There were no minutes to approve.

**Organizational Matters**

The Commission asked Faye to find out the protocol for resuming in-person meeting at Town Hall.

Ellen Jenkins has resigned from the Commission. Allan Smith never accepted his reappointment last June and is therefore no longer a Commission member. Mark Stinson has retired from the DEP. The Commission hoped to be able to hire him to help with bundled NOIs.

**RDA Meeting for Hilltown Lodge LLC – 7:15 p.m.**

Hilltown Lodge is located at the site of the former Anchorage Nursing Home, a site familiar to all on the Commission. The project includes regrading and reconfiguring access drives and parking areas; construction of pedestrian walkways, ramps, stairways and gathering areas; landscaping; and storm water improvement installation. Terry Reynolds of Terry Reynolds Engineering had mapped a perennial stream, Johnson Brook, as well as two storm water management areas which are fed by seeps and runoff, then discharged into Johnson Brook. Also on the property is a buffer zone of an intermittent stream. A new storm water management basin will be fed by grass swales and will also function as a rain garden. The project calls for paving, which will be away from the wetland areas. A gravel parking area is also outside the jurisdictional areas. Mitigation measures will include silt fence, erosion control blanketing, and erosion seeding. The project will lessen the amount of storm water runoff that currently comes off the hillside and channels down the driveway. Julie Page, whose family owned the property, said water management had always been an issue and she was really happy with the proposed plans. Seven trees will be cut in the buffer zone. Steve had visited the site and said the driveway was very visibly compromised and felt the tree cutting was needed and would not impact the wetlands. A motion was made by Steve, seconded by John, to approved the RDA application for Hilltown Lodge LLC with a negative determination 3 and the following conditions: all work must be done in accordance with the plans filed on March 7, 2022; any significant deviation from the plans will require a meeting with the Shelburne Conservation Commission.

Voting in favor: Norm, Steve, John

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

The next meeting will be April 12, 2022.

At 8:06 p.m. John, seconded by Steve, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Norm – yes; Steve – yes; John – yes. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Whitney, Administrative Assistant