Town of SHELBURNE

Conservation Commission

MINUTES

Regular Meeting ~ March 9, 2023

Present: Norm Davenport, Susan Berger, John Harrington, John Richardson

Absent: Steve McCormick

Administrative Assistant: Faye Whitney

Guests: Grady Vigneau, Nadia Wright, Joshua Surette

Clerk John Richardson opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. A quorum was present. The meeting was held via Zoom.

**Minutes**

No minutes were available.

**Mail**

A notice from the Planning Board regarding the creation of a common driveway on Old Greenfield Road was the only mail. There is a small pond on the property, which is very close to the proposed driveway. However, the pond is too small to be jurisdictional.

A motion was made by John R, seconded by Susie, to respond to the Planning Board saying that the Commission had reviewed the Special Permit application and found that a small pond on the property was non-jurisdictional.

Voting in favor: John R, John H, Susie

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

**RDA Meeting for Grady Vigneau (YMCA of Greenfield) 45 Peckville Road – 7:15 p.m.**

The application was for an inground pool, concrete patio, and 4’ tall safety fencing which would be replacing an existing pool. John H had done a site visit. The distance from the pool to Allen Brook is 61 horizontal feet. The full extent of the construction would be only 51 feet from the brook. Construction had already started but it was stopped as soon as it was realized that Commission approval was needed. Silt fence has been installed and will remain until the grass grows and the area is stabilized. It was noted that a large pile of material, probably excavated from the original pool area, was stockpiled on site. That material is now covered with snow. It must be removed immediately. A lengthy discussion followed concerning whether this project could be considered a minor activity.

A motion was made by Susie, seconded by John R, to approve the RDA application submitted by Grady Vigneau with a Negative 3 determination with the following condition: erosion and sedimentation controls must be implemented and monitored during construction.

Voting in favor: Norm, John R, Susie

Opposed: John H

Abstentions: None

**Eversource Change Order – 7:40 p.m.**

Joshua Surette, a senior scientist with Epsilon Associates, presented a minor modification to an Eversource NOI for work along the power lines. The request was to do temporary grading of 5,800 square feet inside the buffer zone, to safely install mats. Material removed would be stockpiled upland of the site. The mats would likely be in place for several months from mid to late spring. Epsilon will check the area once a month.

A motion was made by John R, seconded by Susie that the Commisison had reviewed the changes submitted by Epsilon, on behalf of Eversource, and approved them as a minor change.

Voting in favor: Norm, John R, Susie, John H

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

**New Business**

The town had been contacted about joining with other area towns in hiring a shared Conservation Agent. The cost would need to be explained to the town. At this time it was not felt that such an agent was needed.

**Old Business**

Now that the CPA has passed in Shelburne, a committee will be needed to decide how the funds will be used. A member of the Conservation Commission is required to be a part of the committee. Norm volunteered.

The next meeting will be April 13.

At 8:20 p.m. John R, seconded by John H, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Norm – yes; Susan – yes; John R – yes; John H – yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Whitney, Administrative Assistant