Town of SHELBURNE

Conservation Commission

MINUTES

Regular Meeting ~ October 15, 2024

Present: Norm Davenport, John Richardson, Steve McCormick, John Harrington

Absent: Susan Berger

Administrative Assistant: Faye Whitney

Guests: Jeff Johnston, John Taylor, Chuck Washer

Chair Norm Davenport opened the meeting at 7:13 p.m. A quorum was present. The meeting was held via Zoom.

**7:15 p.m. – NOI Hearing, Town of Shelburne, Patten Road**

An undersized culvert is located near 178 Patten Road, close to a beaver pond. The culvert is corroded and part of it is perforated. Water has been flowing over the road. The plan is to replace the existing culvert with a 48-inch culvert with a natural bottom. Then the area will be back filled. While the work is ongoing water will need to be pumped from one side of the road to the other using a pump provided by the Shelburne Fire Department. This should take a few hours, during which time traffic will be detoured around the area. Once the beaver pond freezes, later this year, the beaver pond will be drawn down and some trees will be removed. The pond will not be dredged. A dry hydrant pipe will be extended to the middle of the beaver pond. At a later date, a beaver management control, a beaver deceiver, will be installed. The actual installation of the dry hydrant will be done in the spring or early summer and will take several days. Shelburne Fire Chief John Taylor said the dry hydrant will provide year-round access to water. Installing the hydrant has been discussed for a long time and it makes sense to do it while other work is happening in the area. Mark Stinson has visited the site and is in favor of the project.

A motion was made by Steve, seconded by John R, to approve the NOI as submitted by the Shelburne Highway Department with the following condition: all work will be done in accordance with the written plan. Roll call vote: John H – yes; Steve – yes; John R – yes; Norm – abstain. Motion passed 3-0-1.

At 7:36 p.m. a motion was made by Steve to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by John R. Roll call vote: John H – yes; Steve – yes; John R – yes; Norm – yes. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Whitney, Administrative Assistant