CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING – March 22, 2012

Present: Paul Sokoloski, Louis Misiun, Jr. Ben Byrne (prospective member)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, by facilitator Paul Sokoloski. Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Notice of Intent: Eaglebrook, 278 Pine Nook Rd. Present: representative from Berkshire Design

After discussion with DEP, the original plans submitted by Berkshire Design have been changed. A representative from Berkshire Design was present to discuss the revised plans. At the previous meeting the Commission requested that the plans be reviewed by a peer. Weston & Sampson is reviewing the plans and is in the process of preparing a report which, as of this meeting has not been received. Therefore the matter will be continued to the April meeting.

New Business:

Request for Determination: 3 McClelland Farm Road

Present: Fred Rose

Mr. Rose proposes to put an addition on his house close to a perennial stream which he feels the stream is only seasonal. In the absence of prepared plans showing the protected wetlands areas, and following a site visit prior to the meeting, the Commission determined that the addition would likely require work within the wetlands area thus requiring the filing of a Notice of Intent. Mr. Rose was advised that there were options and if he wished he could prove that the stream was not perennial, but it would probably be simpler to hire an environmental engineer to prepare a plan delineating the wetland resource area. (Positive #2 determination)

Notice of Intent: Channing L Bete, 1 Community Place (Greenfield Rd) Present: Daniel Rukakoski, Tighe & Bond, Inc.

Plans for a drainage swale maintenance project along RT 5 & 10 (Greenfield Road) were presented. DEP has reviewed the plan and issued a file number (142-0187). Mr. Rukakoski said the project would involve altering land underwater (1,710 ft) using an excavator with a bucket. Ninety-five cubic yards of silt would be removed as preventive maintenance and restoration of the channel. The work should be done during low flow conditions, usually July through September, and sediment barriers, as needed. After visiting the site, just prior to the meeting, and having reviewed comments from DEP, the commission approved the application.

The Commission then signed a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting that Ben Bryne be appointed to the open position on the Conservation Commission.

There being no other business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Priscilla Phelps