Conservation Commission Minutes Meeting – May 28, 2015

Present: Steve Barrett, Ben Byrne, Bob Cowles, Louis Misiun, Jr.

Absent: Brian Dejnak

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 with Steve presiding. Members of the Commission introduced themselves and minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Old Business:

• Enforcement Order – 5 Captain Lathrop Drive – Present Robert Freedman (owner), Mark Stinson (DEP) Steve reviewed the progress to date, noting a cease and desist order was issued following discovery of work on a riverbank without having obtained approval. Mr. Friedman did stop work and filed an RDA. However, the enforcement order that was issued required that he prepare a plan for first restoring the site. To assist Mr. Friedman in locating an environmental consultant, suggestions of qualified persons were made.

It was agreed that Mr. Freedman should withdraw the RDA submission and return on June 25th with a plan prepared by an environmental consultant. He will likely need to file an NOI once this has been accomplished.

New Business:

NOI – 901 River Road – Large ground Mounted Solar Project
Present: Mickey Marcus (NEE) and Zackary Schulman (Lake Street Development Partners LLC)

Mr. Marcus presented an overview of the plan to develop a large scale solar installation on a brownfield site owned by WT Land off 901 River Road. The installation will cover 18 acres of the overall 30 acres of land involved. Some of the work will include removal of trees to prevent shading of the solar panels. The Commission set a date of June 25, 2015 for a public hearing. At 5:30 pm, prior to the hearing the Commission will conduct a site visit.

• Emergency Certification

At the request of the Highway Director an Emergency Certification for repair to a collapsing culvert at 488 River Road was signed by the Commission. Work was done by Kocot.

Possible Wetland Concern

There has been concern about possible wetlands violations of a property at 72 Mill Village Road. Mr. Stinson, of DEP has looked at the area of concern and did not see any disturbance in the wetlands area to the back of the property.

Request for Comments

The commission had no concerns about the changing of the zoning use table to permit self-storage by special permit in the expedited permitting district.

Next meeting: The date of June 25, 2015 at 7:00 pm was set for the next meeting. There will be a site visit to 901 River Road at 5:30 pm prior to the public hearing that will be held that evening.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Priscilla Phelps

Document List: