Conservation Commission Minutes Meeting – October 22, 2015

Present: Steve Barrett, Louis Misiun, Jr., Ben Byrne, Brian Dejnak Absent: Robert Cowles

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. A site visit to 2 South Mill Village Rd was made at 5:30 pm, prior to the meeting.

Minutes of the September meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Mail: Two forest cutting plans were received.

Old Business:

NOI - 901 River Road - The hearing on the request of Lake Street Development for Conservation Commission approval of plans for the development of an extra-large photovoltaic system proposed for 901 River Road was re-opened. Mickey Marcus of New England Environmental presented plans revised in accordance with recommendations made by Newman Environmental Engineering. Since the plans were new to the Commission at this meeting, and no one had an opportunity to review them, the hearing was continued until November 19, 2015.

New Business:

ZBA - Request for Comments

ZBA has received an application for a special permit for a bed and breakfast at 754 River Road. Commission members did not find any wetland related concerns.

RDA – 2 South Mill River Road

Dan Conlon was present with plans for upgrading the existing access road which has eroded creating a problem getting to and from portions of his property. Prior to the meeting Commissioners visited the site to observe the problem. The land is in agricultural use and the proposed work is to repair the roadway to facilitate that use. Therefore, the Commission agreed that the work as described meets the requirements of an agricultural exemption (Negative #5) and does not require the filing of an NOI.

Consultation - Representatives from Tighe and Bond were present to discuss a proposed project at Deerfield Academy. The expectation is that an NOI will be filed in time for the next Conservation meeting.

Emergency Certification - River Road (Moody corner area)

On October 1, 2015 the Highway Superintendent filed an emergency certificate regarding a serious hazard due to a culvert plugged with runoff from a property on River Rd. Erosion from work in the vicinity of the stream has caused the overflow into the roadway. An environmental consultant was hired by the Commission to make an assessment of the damage. The report has been received and payment for services of Ward Smith, the consultant were authorized.

The Commission issued an enforcement order to the property owners Sergei and Oksana Derivolkov to: 1.) immediately cease and desist the activity which created the problem, 2.) install erosion/sediment controls within 48 hours, and 3.) hire a qualified wetlands consultant to prepare a restoration plan by November 19, 2015.

The next meeting will be held on November 19, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Priscilla Phelps

Document List: attendance list