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**Medway Conservation Commission Meeting
February 2, 2012, 7:30 PM
1st Floor Conference Room, Town Hall
155 Village Street
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The Medway Conservation Committee was called to order at 7:42 p.m. by Dave Travalini on February 2, 2012 at Medway Town Hall, conference room. In attendance were Dave Travalini, Ken McKay, Glen Murphy and Commission Agent Karon Skinner Catrone

Notice of Intent – 9 Olson Circle

Present is Mr. Paul DiSimone representing the owners of 9 Olson Circle and is requesting permission for the installation of a new septic system. At this time this is approved by the board of health. The old system failed title 5. Mr. DiSimone, states the flags are up and that it will not be a raised system due to the way the land slopes naturally toward the road. The Commission agrees that the erosion control must be a filter sock.

Mr. DiSimone informs the Commission that the grading is within 50 feet of wetlands, though the septic system is not. The installation of the septic system is not an emergency; the owners are getting by, but with current good weather the contractor would like to start digging immediately.

Motion made by Mr. Travalini, Seconded by Mr. Murphy, to issue an Order of Conditions for 9 Olson Circle to install a new septic system. Unanimous.

Notice of Intent – 5 Claybrook Farm Road

Present is Mr. Paul DiSimone representing the owners of 5 Claybrook Farm Rd. Mr. Travalini brings in the motion for the addition of a concrete patio around the pool, and Mr. DiSimone states to the Commission that the mulch tube is still in place, the pool is in the ground, and the concrete patio is next on the owner's agenda. Ms Catrone confirms to the Commission that there will be a fence around the pool, and Mr. DiSimone informs the Commission that the concrete patio will go right up to the fence, and that the owners will not need a building permit for the installation of the concrete. Beyond the fence will remain a wooded area.

Motion made by Mr. Travalini, seconded by Mr. McKay, to issue an Order of Conditions with the conditions Ms Skinner Catrone inspect the filter sock. Unanimous.

Notice of Intent – 65 West St

Motion to continue 65 West St by Mr. McKay at the request of the applicant. Mr. Travalini seconds. Unanimous.

Discussion Items –

1. Fees - Ms Catrone is to report to the Town on the Commission's fees from the forms and requests from residences. The Selectmen need to decide on the bylaws, and how much fees are to the residence of Medway. Though this may have negative impact from the residence of Medway, and cause them to cease adding improvements, etc to their homes. The Commission states that the fees do help the town of Medway complete surveys and reviews, but they need to justify raising

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fees to the town members. The Commission agrees if the selectmen would like the fees to increase the request should come from them.

2. Open Space Discussions - Jim Wicus is present from the Open Space Committee to discuss the open air amphitheater. Mr. Wicus would like to include the Commission in the project, as they will be ultimately responsible for the care of the park in the future. The Open Space Committee has taken out a lot of invasive plants. Patrons are now able to walk down to river and its banking. There is still more to go. So far three newspaper articles have been written on the project, and numerous volunteers, girl scouts, boy scouts and support from the town. The Community Allocation Committee donated funds to complete the property survey. It was also discovered that the town property line goes through a family's home. The Commission cannot vote for the Open Space Committee on 2/2/12 RDA continuation, as they are not on the official agenda.

Mr. Wicus inquires to the Commission if he can level a dirt area from construction vehicles for the parking lot. The Commission again informs him they cannot vote as he is not on the official agenda. Once the Open Space Committee is on the official agenda the Commission can discuss further item, such as the Eagle Scout that would like to build a bridge over the river portions, rather than using pipes. Mr. Wicus will keep a watch out to ensure no erosion occurs and grass growing in the spring may help prevent further erosion, though a further discussion needs to be held on how to prevent invasive plants from returning. A lot of trees fell during hurricane Irene, mostly black locus which are invasion and would like to remove them. Mr. Wicus eventually would like to install a kiosk/sign welcoming the visitors to the park, and to put indicators in for the trails such as wood chips/stone dust, etc. Mr. Travalini would recommend using stone dust for the trails because once it is walked on a few times it becomes set unlike wood chips which can spread.

The Conservation Committee recommends a sequential action plan to present to them once they are on the official agenda. The Commission also recommends putting in an RDA which has all action items so that the Open Space committee does not need to keep returning to board. The RDA can last for 3 years, but the Open Space Committee can also ask for extensions.

Motion to adjourn commission by Glen Murphy at 9pm, Ken McKay seconds the motion.

All ayes