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**Meeting Minutes
February 02, 2022**

Justine Carroll, Steve Gniadek, Chloe Mawn, Justin Arbuckle and Barbara McNamee were present. Rich Chiras and Cindee Cummiskey were absent. David Pickart, NCC Agent, was present. Barbara Kinney, Conservation Commission (NCC) Administrative Assistant was absent.

J. Carroll opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

Attendees: Fred Lapham, Shea Engineering; and Deb Castell.

Citizen's Forum
None

(248-XXX), Septic System Replacement, 693 Fowler Road

Fred Lapham, Shea Engineering, explained that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) file number has not been received yet. He has contacted the DEP office with no response. The filing has been received and it is listed on the DEP portal. The emergency certification has not been prepared yet and the administrative assistant is still out of the office. The snow needs to melt now. The Board of Health (BOH) is reluctant to say it is an emergency without something to back it up. The hauler that is pumping the system is supposed to be giving reports to the BOH and they have not received any. F. Lapham will look into this. D. Pickart viewed the area before the snow fell and the wetland boundary looks fine. He suggests keeping the Public Hearing open until the DEP number is received. F. Lapham does not need to be present at the next meeting unless DEP has comments or something comes up.

Motion made by S. Gniadek and seconded by B. McNamee. The NCC voted 5-0 by roll call vote of J. Arbuckle - Yes; C. Mawn - Yes; B. McNamee - Yes; J. Carroll - Yes; and S. Gniadek - Yes to continue the Public Hearing to February 16, 2022 at 7:05PM.

Old/New Business

Northbridge Fire Station – Minor Project Change

The addition for several town departments currently housed in the annex now has been added back to the conceptual plans. This addition was taken off at one point due to some budget issues. The addition is not in the buffer zone or near the wetlands. There has been a slight modification to the drainage, but that is also outside of the buffer zone. The NCC needs to decide if this is enough of a change that will trigger a formal review (amendment) or if this is a minor modification outside of the NCC jurisdiction that will not require further review by the NCC. The NCC determined that this is a minor modification that needs no further review from them.

Other

Annual Report – D. Pickart has reviewed the report that was done last year and he will update with the new information for discussion at the next meeting which is before the deadline to have the report to the Town Manager's Office. B. McNamee reminded D. Pickart that information regarding the opening of the Shining Rock parking lot, the new conservation fund, GPS mapping, open space update, Community Preservation update and the booth at the fireworks should be included.

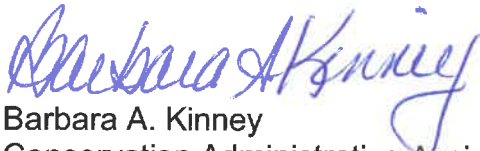
Leland Road Update – D. Pickart updated the NCC and Deb Castell regarding Leland Road. The stream obstruction work down gradient of the outfall was completed a few weeks ago. The engineer is pulling together a proposal to do a thorough investigation of all the drainage that is getting into the Leland Road neighborhood. This will make for a more informed approach to address this in the future. There has been no more information / update from Syncarpha Solar or Stone Hill Condominiums. D. Castell mentioned that there was some flooding on January 17, 2022.

The NCC members present performed administrative tasks (signed Orders, etc.) that were needed.

Adjournment

Motion made by J. Arbuckle and seconded by B. McNamee. The NCC voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting about 7:19PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara A. Kinney
Conservation Administrative Assistant

DATE APPROVED:

06-15-2022