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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes February 23, 2011

Wyatt Mills, Andrew Chagnon, Bill Freer and Cheryl Peckham were present. Terry Bradley arrived at 7:25PM. Barbara Kinney, Administrative Assistant was also present.

Mr. Mills opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

Citizen's Forum

2265 Providence Road

Steve Caya stated that the garage at 2265 Providence Road needs to be demolished. It is a one-story structure on a slab in which you can see through the roof and is ± 15 feet from the river. The foundation and slab will remain because they are part of the retaining wall of the bank of the Blackstone River. Mr. Caya said the garage would be knocked down in one day with an excavator and the materials trucked away. He also stated that Town & Country Builders would be supervising the project. Mr. Caya wants to know if and what he needs to file with the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Chagnon cautioned Mr. Caya to be careful when taking down the garage. Mr. Mills stated that the materials are to be pulled away from the river, since the Conservation Commission agrees that erosion controls would not be beneficial for this particular project. The Conservation Commission is not sure if they have any jurisdiction because no soil will be disturbed, there will be no creation of impervious area, etc. so no filing is needed. Mr. Mills signed the demolition permit application.

Minutes

October 13, 2010

Motion made by Ms. Peckham and seconded by Mr. Bradley. The Conservation Commission voted 4-0-1 (Mr. Chagnon abstained) to accept the minutes of October 13, 2010 as written.

January 19, 2011

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Mr. Bradley. The Conservation Commission voted 3-0-2 (Mr. Freer and Ms. Peckham abstained) to accept the minutes of January 19, 2011 as written.

Old / New Business

DPW Memo – Building Demolition

Richard Sasseville of the DPW was present and had submitted a memo to the Conservation Commission requesting the demolition of the red building on the DPW

property at 11 Fletcher Street because it has collapsed from all the snow this year. The building is about 25 feet by 80 feet in size and about 8 feet to 15 feet from the Mumford River and there is only electricity in the building. There is no heat, water, gas, etc. It is a two-story wooden structure on piers that is about 100 years old that is used for semi-dry storage. (The storage materials get wet when it rains). The first floor contained spare tires, grounds equipment, mowers, etc. The second floor contains the spare ornamental street lights fixtures and spare ornamental poles for the downtown area, brooms for the sweeper, etc. The building collapsed away from the river towards the DPW yard. Mr. Sasseville is putting together a bid package to disassemble the structure and salvage as much of what is inside as possible. Once the structure is removed, then the ground will be leveled with gravel. Mr. Sasseville stated that the building materials would be removed from site as they are taken down and the salvaged materials would be put into storage containers on concrete slabs.

Mr. Chagnon suggested putting hay bales along the bank of the river as necessary before the soil is disturbed. He also stated that the Conservation Commission members could take a look at the site if needed.

A memo will be prepared stating that no filing is needed and that hay bales are to be used along the riverbank before any soil is disturbed.

Mail – Review

The Conservation Commission tabled the review of the mail to the next meeting to allow the members' time to review the document(s) submitted to see if any discussion / action is needed.

Other

The Conservation Commission discussed the complaint about the trees that are cut down on Quaker Street. Mr. Sasseville visited the site and determined that the trees were on the other side of the stone wall and that it is private property and not considered part of the scenic road shade trees. No action is required.

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

Ms. Kinney reviewed the old peer review accounts that remain open and the Conservation Commission agreed that these accounts should be closed out.

Motion made by Mr. Chagnon and seconded by Mr. Bradley. The Conservation Commission voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:51PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Kinney
Conservation Administrative Assistant