Town of SHELBURNE

Conservation Commission

MINUTES

Regular Meeting ~ April 11, 2017

Present: Norman Davenport, Allan Smith, John Richardson

Absent: Steve McCormick

Administrative Assistant: Faye Whitney

Guests: Kathy Puckett

Chairman Norm Davenport convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes**

Allan, seconded by John, made a motion to approve the minutes of January 3.

Voting to approve: Norm, Allan, John

Opposed: None

Abstaining: None

**Correspondence**

A request had for a Certificate of Compliance had been received from New England Power Company for switchyard improvements done in 2012. The applicant had to demonstrate mitigation for at least two growing seasons. An engineer, hired by the applicant, had certified that the mitigation had been successfully completed.

Allan, seconded by John, made a motion, to complete the Certificate of Compliance based on the certification of the engineer.

Voting to approve: Norm, Allan, John

Opposed: None

Abstaining: None

**Appointment with Kathy Puckett**

Kathy owns property on the river side of Water Street. The slope towards the river is steep, but she has always used the space for a garden. She would like to level the space by installing some pressure-treated lumber and something to secure the lumber. She estimates that about 18 inches of fill would be needed. The work would be done by hand; no machinery would be used. It was the conclusion of the Commission that this project was too small to be jurisdictional.

**Building Permits/ZBA Reports/Forest Cutting Plans**

The Commission considered an application from Eric Colbeck for a variance for his Bardwell's Ferry Road property. The project would take place on an existing lawn, so the Commission had no objections.

The Commission also considered an application for a Special Permit for Becky Ashenden, who wishes to have a Bed and Breakfast at her Bassett Road home, As there will be no changes to the outside of the buildings, the Commission gave its approval for the project.

The Commission had been asked by the ZBA to further review a Special Permit application from Mike Skalski for property on Main Street. As drawn, the site plans showed all buildings to be outside of the 50-foot wetlands buffer zone. The upper portion of the project is completely outside of the wetlands and the buffer zone. The storage of hazardous materials does not fall under the Wetlands Protection Act, so is therefore not in the purview of the Commission. An Order of Conditions has been created for the project. A septic system design has not been approved at this time. The applicant had been informed that he would need to come back to the Commission, when he has such a plan.

At 8:55 p.m. Allan, seconded by John, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Whitney

Administrative Assistant