Town of SHELBURNE

Conservation Commission

MINUTES

Regular Meeting ~ March 19, 2019

Present: Norman Davenport (arrived late), Ellen Jenkins, John Richardson, Allan Smith

Absent: Steve McCormick

Administrative Assistant: Absent

Guests: Mark Shippee, Mark Stinson

Allan convened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. A quorum was present.

It was noted that there had been no meeting in February due to a snow storm.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by John, seconded by Ellen, to approve the minutes of January 8, 2019.

Voting to approve: Norm, John, Ellen, Allan

 Opposed: None

 Abstaining: None

**Organizational Matters/Mail**

Mail included –

An amendment to a previously filed cutting plan for Gordon Taylor.

**Meeting with DEP Circuit Rider Mark Stinson**

A discussion with Mark Stinson ensued mostly regarding town plans to resurface Bardwells Ferry Road. Mark said all of the planned work including cross culvert repair and replacement are exempt even though most of project is in protected area.

A further (ongoing) discussion of “bundling” of town work ensued. Included in the discussion, the opinion of DEP is to overbuild a project instead of spending the longer dollar on engineering. The thought being that this will give the town and wildlife more bang for buck. Mark is available to oversee and provide guidance on some of these types of projects.

Mark had sent us a copy of the document produced by town of Stockbridge to use as a basis for a similar document for town of Shelburne. The document is intended to bring the town in general, and the Highway Department in particular, into compliance with the WPA.

Beaver pond discussion: The beaver pond on Taylor Road is encroaching on the town right of way. The real question is, “Can we lower the level to maintain town safety and health?” This same beaver pond is on private property and was the subject of a Con Com visit and action a few years ago. According to Mark the town’s attorney will advise us.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 9.

At 8:12 p.m. John, seconded by Allan, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Smith

Con Com Member