Town of SHELBURNE

Conservation Commission

MINUTES

Regular Meeting ~ November 26, 2019

Present: Norman Davenport, Ellen Jenkins, Allan Smith, John Richardson, Steve McCormick

Absent: None

Administrative Assistant: Faye Whitney

Guests: Mark Shippee

Chair Norm Davenport opened the meeting at 7 p.m. A quorum was present.

Minutes

A motion was made by John, seconded by Ellen, to approve the minutes of November 12, 2019, with one correction.

Voting in favor: Norm, Ellen, John, Steve, Allan

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

The Commission discussed whether to respond to a letter from Dick Muller regarding highway materials possibly placed in a buffer zone. Steve had visited the site and determined that the small pile was used to resurface and existing fire lane. The material was inert and safe to be place on existing roadways. Steve wrote a draft letter. The letter will be sent to Mr. Muller.

**Highway Department RDA Brook Road**

Mark explained a situation near Brook Road. A large tree has fallen and created a dam. If the tree lets go it would be a matter of safety and the road, or nearby bridge could be lost. He said the plan of work would be to use a backhoe, with a length of chain attached, to remove individual pieces of dam debris to relieve the water pressure and lower the water level above and around the large maple tree and its root ball. This work would be done from the road. A larger machine (excavator) will be needed, at a future time, to remove the actual tree. There will be no dredging or blasting.

The Commission required conditions: that there be no equipment in the stream, and that any damage to the bank be repaired.

A motion was made by Allan, seconded by Steve, that the Highway Department RDA or Brook Road be found to be a Negative Determination 3, with conditions, and urge the Town of Shelburne to protect the road and safety of its citizens and get this work as soon as possible.

Voting to approve: Norm, John, Ellen, Steve, Allan

Opposed: None

Abstaining: None

**Highway Department RDA South Shelburne Road**

Mark explained his plan to add gravel to the existing gravel portion of South Shelburne Road. Three to four inches of gravel would be added for a distance of approximately 3,500 feet. There would be no digging or widening of the road, just graveling the existing surface.

A motion was made by Allan, seconded by Steve, that the Highway Department RDA for South Shelburne Road be found to be a Negative Determination 3, with the condition that all usual and customary practices, when working near wetlands, be followed.

Voting to approve: Norm, John, Ellen, Steve, Allan

Opposed: None

Abstaining: None

The next meeting was scheduled for December 10, if necessary.

At 7:50 p.m. Allan, seconded by Steve, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Whitney

Administrative Assistant

**Document List**

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RDA Application for Brook Road

RDA Application for South Shelburne Road