Town of SHELBURNE

Conservation Commission

MINUTES

Regular Meeting ~ March 9, 2021

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

Absent: None

Administrative Assistant: Faye Whitney

Guests: Andrew Quient, Lara Radysh, John Wheeler, Tony Wonseski, Tom Johnson, Nancy Baker

Chair Norm Davenport opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. A quorum was present. The meeting was held via Zoom.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Steve, seconded by Ellen, to approve the minutes of October 31, 2020 and November 10, 2020. Roll call vote: Norm – yes; Allan – yes; John – yes; Ellen – yes; Steve – yes. Motion passed 5-0-0.

**Mail**

Mail was a request for a Certificate of Compliance from RVM Enterprises, brochure from Mass Audubon. There were no cutting plans. Two building permits had been submitted.

**RDA Meeting Continuation – Andrew Quient, 121 Bridge Street – 7:15 p.m.**

A site visit had been done on March 6, by Ellen, Allan, and Steve. Since the visit another design, Design C1, had been done. This design was the same as Design C except the studio had been moved 10 feet further way from the edge of the intermittent stream. It is now 50 feet away. The main concern of the Commission was breakout from construction. Design C had been quite close to the edge of the ravine and the concern had been that any construction could undermine the integrity of the hill. The Commission approved the move of the studio to be further from the edge of the ravine.

A motion was made by Allan, seconded by Steve, to approve the RDA Application of Andrew Quient as a Negative 3 with the following conditions: 1) work will proceed in accordance with Design C1; 2) no foundation wok will be done within 10 feet of the top of the slope; 3) best management practices will be followed regrading silt fencing placed 25 feet to either side of the closest part of the foundation and shall remain in place through the end of construction. Roll call vote: Norm – yes; Allan ­– yes; John – yes; Ellen – yes; Steve – yes. Motion passed 5-0-0.

**NOI Hearing Continuation – RVM Realty Enterprises, 855 Mohawk Trail – 7:30 p.m.**

A site visit had been conducted on March 6, by Allan, Ellen, Steve, and John. It had been determined that the work completed in 1996 had been done according to the plans. A motion was made by Steve, seconded by Allan, to approve the request for a Certificate of Compliance for RVM Enterprises. Roll call vote: Norm – yes; Allan – yes; John – yes; Ellen – yes; Steve – yes. Motion passed 5-0-0.

The NOI site visit was also done on March 6. The new building will be at the back left portion of the property and there will be minor improvements to drainage. There will be no additional impervious surfaces. The settling pond can handle the drainage and this project will not increase it. During construction erosion control will be done by using straw wattle and silt fence and will remain in place until construction is complete. Silt sacking will be used near catch basins. Storm water will run towards the back corner of the property and provisions are in place to keep it on pavement and directed towards existing catch basins. A motion was made by Steve, seconded by Allan, to approve the NOI from RVM Enterprises according to the submitted plan. Roll call vote: Norm – yes; Allan – yes; John – yes; Ellen – yes; Steve – yes. Motion passed 5-0-0.

A motion to close the hearing was made by Steve and seconded by Ellen at 8:01 p.m. Roll call vote: Norm – yes; Allan – yes; John – yes; Ellen – yes; Steve – yes. Motion passed 5-0-0.

**Miscellaneous Matters**

A motion was made by John, seconded by Ellen, to approve the Certificate of Compliance for Paula Popoli. Roll call vote: Norm – yes; Allan – yes; John – yes; Ellen – yes; Steve – yes. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Lara Radysh asked if the Open Space Committee planned to spray for invasive species along the proposed river trail would they need to come back to the Commission for permission. Spraying for invasives was not a part of the plan the Commission approved last year. Steve said if Lara knew of intended spraying the Commission would like to be told. Allan mentioned that the Commission always gets spraying plans from the power company and if they get into wetlands the Commission has some oversight. Allan also said that no one can spray herbicides or pesticides on land they do not own, without a license.

The next meeting will be April 13.

At 8:17 p.m. Steve, seconded by Ellen, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Norm – yes; Allan – yes; John – yes; Ellen – yes; Steve – yes. Motion passed 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Whitney

Administrative Assistant

**Document List**

Meeting minutes of October 31

NOI application from RVM Enterprises

Meeting minutes of November 10

Brochure from Mass Audubon

Request for COC from RVM Enterprises.