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**Conservation Commission Meeting
Public Minutes
3/8/2023**

Members in attendance: M. Young, L. McNaughton, B. Silva (non-voting), B. Stephens, B. Mantegari, (non-voting) A. Laroche,

Alternates in attendance: D. Cowie, B. Dunham, M. Lipinski

Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Motion by McNaughton to add Lipinski, Cowie, and Dunham as voting members this evening, 2nd by Laroche, approved 4-0

Motion by Cowie to approve 2/8/23 public meeting minutes, 2nd by Lipinski, approved 7-0

Water problem on South Road

Kevin Murphy, 376 South Road lives next to a newly created house lot, he currently has water in his basement and is concerned that this new structure will impact nearby wetlands to increase the water risk in his basement. Was questioning Zoning Board decision to approve unconforming lot.

Cowie chairs the ZBA and described the ZBA responsibility in regard to required frontage in Brentwood. Mantegari explained it would be the Planning Board that will review the impact of this lot/structure on this property to make sure it conforms to current regulation.

John Recesso, 371 South Road, concerned about impact to the wetlands if this structure is built, causing more water problems for homeowners. He wondered if ZBA looked at this lot properly.

Mantegari suggested that they request the Planning Board to do a public site walk to examine the property, and request the town engineer participate to check wetland issues.

Stephens mentioned that there may be a dispute in reference to identified wetlands vs what exists.

Terry Parker, 383 South Road mentioned she has water flowing down the street to her property originating from the property in question.

Rockingham County Municipal Complex (new)

Jonathan Hawley

Entrance will be across from the current jail.

Retention pond will stay.

Will be putting solar panels in the back of the new complex in the fields (12 acres)

Naomi Praul

Storm water design

Impervious water being caught by new retention pond.

Impacted wetland is in the front near storm drain.

Site is very flat for solar panels affecting treatment of them as impermeable surface in design.

Mantegari asked about what the height is of the panels.

Cindy Balcus

Filed Major Wetland Impact with State.

Current impacted wetlands have been disturbed for a long time as agricultural, etc.

There are a couple of community wells on the property that support the current facilities.

1st impact is at the entrance, about 5000 sqft

2nd impact is at the back of the proposed building, about 3000 sqft

Prime wetland buffer to be constructed at entrance.

Buffer retention plan developed.

Will continue to let grass/vegetation grow at the back of the property to protect Dudley Brook, about 1 acre.

Turtle habitat was found in the fire pond.

Naomi Praul

Storm run-off around building will be collected and treated before release

Stephens, what is the advantage for the county to hay the field?

The hay takes the pollutants out of the ground, especially metals

Mantegari, timeline to break ground?

April

Mantegari, Filed permits with Town?

County wasn't aware of this to be done, will connect with Town Administrator

Going to Non-Public Session.

Back to Public-Session.

Class 6 Roads/Class A Trails

Should Town regrade the gravel to allow Fire Trucks, and lessen standing water so recreational jeepers/mudding trucks will not find it be as inviting?

Meet with Fire Dept initially but there could be an issue with improving the road for access & development issues to abutters.

Consensus is to take it one step at a time to make sure to keep Town's interest at the forefront.

Compost

ConComm will promote personal, individual informationally

Will put something in the BNL

Board News

Stephens will be stepping down at Chairperson, Lipinski nominated Young for position, Cowie 2nd. Young had left meeting early, but Stephens indicated he had spoken to Young and that the answer was not "No." Vote unanimous, but at McNaughton's recommendation, pending confirmation with Young.

Meeting adjourned, at 8:30pm, motioned by Cowie, 2nd by Lipinski, approved 7-0