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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 26, 2018**

Members Present: Joe McGrath, Jeffrey Walsh, Mark Coakley, Chip Burkhardt, Michael Ruggieri

Members Absent: Dan Duffy

Others Present: See Attached Sign-In Sheet

Recorder: Melanie Rich

PUBLIC MEETING (continued) – Bradley Brigham (Elmwood Place) – Request for Determination of Applicability to confirm the boundaries of the bordering vegetated wetland and confirm that the stream bisecting the property is intermittent.

Jeff Walsh and Dan Duffy walked the site with Patrick Healy (Thompson-Liston Associates), found that the delineation was appropriate; there was no flowing water, and was purported to be a river on the USGS map. Mr. Healy would like the Commission to find that that particular channel is not a river. Mr. Walsh said he found it consistent with what is on the plan and flagged on the ground. He has no issues with the RDA. The RDA is to confirm the limits of the wetland lines. If work is proposed within the buffer zone or resource area, a Notice of Intent will need to be filed. Joe McGrath made a motion close the public meeting; Mark Coakley seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved. Chip Burkhardt made a motion to issue a Positive Determination by reason #2A “the boundary delineations of the following resource areas described on the referenced plan(s) are confirmed as accurate. Therefore, the resource area boundaries confirmed in this Determination are binding as to all decisions rendered pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and its regulations regarding such boundaries for as long as this Determination is valid.”; Joe McGrath seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING – Town of Boylston (293 Shrewsbury Street) – Stormwater Control Permit Application to construct a new connecting roadway between Shrewsbury Street and School Street.

Greg Russell (VHB) was present to discuss stormwater concerns. The Commission received Grave’s Engineering Peer Review #3 dated November 26, 2018 today. Mr. Russell submitted VHB’s response letter also dated November 26, 2018. He said they will be requesting a waiver from the Stormwater Bylaw that requires fences around the basins. A drawdown device has been added to the infiltration basin so there is no standing water. Regarding TSS removal calculations, Mr. Russell said the calculations have now been included. They cannot reach the required 80% TSS removal due to several site constraints. Some of the water being collected by the infiltration basin is going through the forebay. There is a limited amount of area that

contributes to that basin. Mark Coakley said the town asked them to do a Low Impact Development and asked if there is a cost benefit involved and asked him to explain the rationale. Mr. Russel said there is a higher cost for the closed drainage system to install and maintain. Mr. Russell said post-construction the drainage should be better. A copy of the Stormwater Checklist along with the SWPPP was submitted. Joe McGrath asked why the EPA required a copy. Jeff Walsh said that any disturbance greater than one acre requires a filing of Federal Notice of Intent. Mr. Coakley asked if there was anything in Graves's correspondence aside from the waiver of the fence that would preclude the Commission from issuing a permit. All issues being addressed, Mark Coakley made a motion to grant a waiver from the requirement of the fence around the basins per the Stormwater Control Bylaw. Mr. McGrath would feel more comfortable with a specific letter from the applicant requesting the waiver and the reasons why. Mr. Russell will provide that. He said they are requesting a waiver from the Stormwater Control Bylaw to not provide fences around the stormwater features for the reason of maintenance purposes; he does not see them necessary for this particular application because they are designed not to hold standing water. Joe McGrath seconded the motion; all voted in favor; motion approved. Joe McGrath made a motion to close the public hearing; Chip Burkhardt seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved. Joe McGrath made a motion to issue a Stormwater Control Permit SCP-2018-5 for the project pending receipt of a written request for a waiver from the applicant; Chip Burkhardt seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Consider Request for Certificate of Compliance for Lindsay Katz (Stormwater Control Permit SCP-2016-1) 29 Flagg Street (engineer's certification letter is required) – Certification was not received from John Grenier.

Sign Stormwater Control Permit SCP-2016-4 (Scannell) Certificate of Compliance – Mark Coakley made a motion to correct the Stormwater Control Permit SCP-2016-4 Certificate of Compliance to check the box for "Complete Certification"; Chip Burkhardt seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved.

There were no vouchers for approval tonight.

There was no correspondence or emails for review tonight.

Joe McGrath made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated October 15, 2018; Michael Ruggieri seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved. Chip Burkhardt made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated November 19, 2018; Mark Coakley seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved; Jeff Walsh abstained.

December 17th was confirmed as the next meeting date.

Joe McGrath informed the Commission that he is still looking for surveyors to verify the lot lines for the Conservation land. He has been unable to find anyone that can come close to budget. The Commission originally approved \$5,000 based on the initial surveyor's estimate that was

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going to do the job but backed out. Estimates he has received run approximately \$7,500. He may reach out to the Sudbury Valley Trustees for help.

Joe McGrath made a motion to adjourn; Chip Burkhardt seconded; all voted in favor; motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.