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[At Warwick Community School Library - in person]

Present: Chris Duerring, Chair; Mary Williamson, Secretary; Nancy Putnam,
Kai Marti-Woodson, Bob Paquet, Gregory Brodski
Chris Stoddard, of Stoddard Engineering.
[Absent: Jim Abels]

Meeting called to order at 6:41 pm

Minutes

Minutes of the June 13, 2023 Meeting

On motion by Chris, seconded by Nancy, the minutes were accepted unanimously as read.

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Minutes of The July 17, 2023 Meeting

On motion by Kai, seconded by Bob, the minutes were accepted unanimously as read.

Clark Forest

Steve Clark Forest Land - 49 Acres

There is a prospective buyer who is interested in purchasing the property, but on the condition that no more trees are cut.

Steve Clark's cutting plan has expired. (Filed in December 2018)

But he is permitted to cut up to 25,000 board feet per year, but his work would be subject to the Wetland Protection Act, if he

^{current} has no cutting plan filed with DCR. Steve wants to remove Hemlocks affected by woolly adelgid, and other large Pine Trees (DBH 14, 16 + 18"). Discussed a possible Con Conc w/ SPT to the property to determine whether the proposed harvesting will be near wetland.

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Notice of Intent For A Single Family Home Filed By Richard Astrella on Wheeler Road (Parcel #312-414).

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:00 pm.

Chris Stoddard explained the project. (Engineer who prepared the plan.) We have received the DEP File # letter.

They will use the same well for the new house.

The Septic system is planned to be 150' from the wetland and

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over 100' from the well of another house.

Question re the grading line - they can tighten that up.

Question re is it an intermittent stream or not. Gregory who lives on Wheeler Rd stated that it does not dry up.

Site Visits

7/22/23 - Chris Duering and Mary Williamson

? Richard Astrella
was present at both

8/06/23 - Nancy Putnam, Bob Paquet, Kai Marti-Woodson

Even though the edge of the Pond has been mowed, it is surrounded by wetland plants, so it constitutes a Bordenay Vegetated Wetland.

The stream is also jurisdictional - it probably has hydric soils because it has been wet for so long, and ^{has} obligate wetland plants,

The stream is definitely perennial.

The pond is just barely below ~~the~~ 10,000 sq' (9,749 sq' per the EPA data ^(layer.))

The landowner has been mowing all the way to the edge of the Pond and to the ~~edge~~ of the stream, which harms filtration of pollutants and harms storm water control.

The landowner is dumping grass clippings on the bank of the stream. The wetland adjacent to the pond is being "altered" by lawn mowing (and grading), but the Pond was made approximately 30 years ago.

This is a Buffer Zone Project.

By building a house, installing a septic system, more traffic = all are additional stressors for the wetland.

This project affects down stream properties and water resources.

There is a current violation - which is 65' of grass clippings totally covering the bank of the stream.

Suggestion of Con Com:

Install permanent markers indicating a no-mow zone (so no matter who owns the property, the wetland will be protected).

~~It~~ will help with storm water damage to have a no-disturb zone because the wild plants will filter and buffer the wetland.

Proposal: revise the ~~the~~ plan to specify a particular buffer zone

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Chris will revise the plan for our next meeting, including:

1. moving the silt fence closer to the building (adjustment)
2. designate a no-mow zone to protect the wetland resource and buffer zone.
3. label the stream as perennial on the plan
4. remove all the grass clipping on the bank of the stream.
5. include a planting plan with native plants to act as a buffer.
6. specify no mowing in the planting area.

NOT Chris will attend our September meeting

continuance

Motion: Nancy moves ~~not~~ to continue the hearing to our next meeting in order for them to revise the plan to add a no-mow zone and native plantings, and to pull back the limit of work line and to remove the grass clippings along the stream.

Seconded by Kai:
Vote: unanimous in favor (Gregory abstains)

Grass cuttings should be put outside the resource area,

Updates

Forest Legacy Monitoring• Ralph Jay Property:

Kai will try to go on Saturday, August 12. (She will call the property owner.)
(Kai will send out an email to the Con Com confirming the time.)

• Lynne Manning Property

Chris and Greg will try to monitor on Sunday, August 20 in the morning. ^ 9:30 am

Bridge

Ralph Jay Bridge Repair

We will wait until September.

Bro Map

Bro Map Presentation

Sara Wasserman told Chris she would make a Zoom presentation. We will try for an October presentation, and will invite other Boards.

Kelly Update (647 Northfield Rd.) → reminding them that we are still waiting for their restoration plan, which at our

Chris sent an email to the Kelly's. The Surveyor will be working this week to complete the add the new wetland coordinates to the Survey. Then

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The wetland consultant will begin to prepare the ~~plan~~ restoration plan.

The backside of the wetland needs to be delineated as well as the house side. Chris and Nancy will prepare something in writing specifying what we want them to produce.

We will request a restoration plan by September 1.

Since nothing seems to have happened indicating progress ~~during~~ since our last two meetings, we went to make sure that the Kelly's are taking this situation seriously and are making active steps, towards a completed restoration plan.

Storm Water Management

Discussed ways to educate Warwick residents about ways to manage storm water - Town Website?, monthly Town Newsletter article?, public presentation?

Re Wetland Protection Education

We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

Nancy has a 2-page summary she prepared for DCR which could be helpful. We will try to prepare educational information for Warwick's monthly newsletter.

Adjournment

On motion by ~~Chris~~, seconded by Chris, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 11 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary S. Williamson
Secretary

In our 2nd meeting, we had requested that they submit within 4-6 weeks. They responded that