HAMILTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF MEETING

February 27, 2019 Memorial Room, Hamilton Town Hall

Members Present:

Bob Cronin, Virginia Cookson, Richard Luongo (Chairman), and George

Tarr.

Coordinator:

Jim Hankin

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with a quorum established.

Jim Hankin said Commissioners' packets contained the agenda. Members reviewed the Bridge St. Culvert Certificate of Compliance request packet.

Certificate of Compliance, Bridge St. Culvert replacement.

Jim Hankin reviewed the request packet and visited the site. The packet indicated the as-built plans were those that had been submitted with the proposal. Mr. Hankin showed photos of the site; including the headwall and two outlet/inlet pipes, which could be used for amphibian passage ways as required by the Order. Mr. Hankin stated that the pipe was open on both sides of the road. Virginia Cookson suggested installing a screen to keep children out of the pipes. Ms. Cookson added that the design tended to isolate fish and amphibians to each side of the river. Mr. Hankin noted that river flow had improved and the site in general was cleaner. Virginia Cookson noted the grasses under the bridge.

According to Jim Hankin, the project had been constructed in accordance with the Order of Conditions. Richard Luongo thought there was no need to delay approval of the Certificate Request. Mr. Hankin noted there were no differences between the proposal and what was constructed. No special conditions had been issued but comments and specification were attached to the Orders of Conditions and were recorded.

Motion made by George Tarr to issue a Certificate of Compliance for the Bridge St. culvert project (172-0578).

Seconded by Virginia Cookson.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Discussion items

<u>Municipal Preparedness Vulnerability Program Grant application, information and discussion:</u>
Jim Hankin said the Town Manager's office would provide template language for the letter in the near future.

MACC Annual Conference on Saturday March 2, 2019 at Holy Cross College.

Jim Hankin said there were three registrants from the Commission who plan to attend. Mr. Hankin would be attending the event with Mike DeRosa to present a workshop.

9.1 acres Open Space adjacent to Patton Ridge, mowing and vegetation management, memorandum of understanding on mowing and vegetation management beneath canopy of beech trees.

George Tarr, Jim Hankin, and a member of the Patton Ridge Homeowner's Association had reviewed the revisions. The changes on the plan would be available for the Patton Ridge Homeowners' Association meeting. The plan would return to the Commission for their meeting of March 13, 2019. Mr. Hankin would meet with Tim Olson (DPW) the following Friday to discuss several items including mulch.

Coordinator's Report

Jim Hankin noted that Keith Glidden would be available to attend Commission meetings in March.

Commissioners to list topics for discussion at the March 13, 2019 Commission meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Bob Cronin.

Seconded by Virginia Cookson.

Vote: Unanimous to adjourn at 7:16 pm.

Prepared by:

Marcie Ricker