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WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2019

Members present: Christopher Brown; Chairman, Robert McMaster, Bill Dane, George Reich, Stoughton Smead, Jim Roberts and Alice Colman

Staff: Melissa Graves

Enforcement Order – 65V Lake Drive (continued from October 7, 2019)

Present: Heather Comee, Wetlands Consultants Inc.

An Enforcement Order was issued to the owner of the parcel for clear cutting the site without filing a Notice of Intent or a Request for Determination of Applicability with the Conservation Commission for the work that was completed and never approved.

After the previous meeting, the required work to be done by the owner was completed. Poke weed was removed to make room for the hydro-seeded winter rye and erosion control straw waddles were installed. As of right now, the site is stable. Ms. Comee submitted some current photos of the site. She also included an aerial view of the site from 2016 that shows the tree cover. It's tough to tell just how many trees were there then as opposed to now.

To give an indication of how many trees there may have been, Ms. Comee measured a distance of 100' towards the pond and adjacent neighbors and counted how many tree are standing. There were approximately 10 mature trees within the 50' Buffer to the BVW.

At this time, the Commission was somewhat satisfied with that amount of trees surrounding the north side of the wetland and thought that was a good indication of how many trees were removed from the site within buffer zone towards the road on the south side. There are stumps buried in the pile of chips.

Ms. Comee was directed to creating a restoration plan that would achieve a variety of things. Protect the wetlands, replace trees and a long term plan for the pile of mulch. A follow-up appointment was set for Monday, November 18, 2019.

Materials Referenced: WPA Form 9 – Enforcement Order

Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:10 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on November 4, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:

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Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

Date: 11/18/19

Handwritten signature of Christopher Brown in black ink.

Christopher Brown, Chairman

Date: 11/18/19