January 13, 2020

Chairman Jim Krissel called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the following members in attendance: Mike Dudek, Harvey Hayden, Larry Rand, Sharon Tingley, Scott Schreiber, William Trowbridge and Alternate Janell Mullen. Also in attendance: Chairman Emeritus Kirby, Nikki Blass, Ralph Hohlfeld, Brian, Lauren & Robert Murtagh and Road Foreman Jamie Reid. Krissel, Schreiber, Rand, Trowbridge Hayden and Dudek conducted site visits this past Saturday with no action taken. Kirby, Chairman Krissel and Land Use Administrator Casey conducted various visits during the month. With the written withdrawal of the application for Jackson Road by the applicant, Rob Fish, the Agenda was taken as amended and approved via motions of Dudek/Tingley with all in favor. The minutes of the previous meeting stood approved as submitted.

2. Communications: None

3. Old Business: a) Brochure: The 2020 edition of the brochure has been printed and is available in the office. A great deal of work went into this edition – and appreciation was extended to Lynn Kearcher, Sharon Tingley & Robin Zitter. A note has been sent to the Berkshire Taconic Foundation and one will be sent to Jonathan Doster for his photographs. Lynn Kearcher will coordinate the distribution of the new edition.

4. New Business: a) 85 Sharpn Mountain Road: This application is for dearing of invasive plants, some dearing and a 5-year maintenance plan. This was a site visit. Ralph Hohlfeld was in attendance to answer questions. He noted that the work will be completed without heavy equipment and the plan is to burn the removal of plants on site or ground up on site. Mike Dudek mentioned the care to be taken with bittersweet – and that if possible, it should be burned as it can spread rapidly and easily. Motions of Rand/Trowbridge approved the application as submitted with all in favor. The office is to be notified when work commences.

b) Jackson Road – Withdrawn by applicant.

c) Moore property – Low Road: Application for clearing, reconstruction and expansion of existing cabin and placement of wood deck on existing concrete pad. This was a site visit. Brian Murtagh presented the application noting that
there is no plan for any utilities to the cabin and it will be placed on new piers. With the addition of double-staked haybales during all phases of clearing and construction, and the contractor is to review the application & approvals in the office prior to work commencing, the application was approved via motions of Schreiber/Tingley with all in favor.

d) Town of Sharon – Five year maintenance Plan: Jamie Reid, Road Foreman for the Town, was in attendance to describe work on Town Right of Ways, culverts and bridge repairs. He specifically noted work to be conducted on Mudge Pond Road to stabilize the road edge and work on Smith Road, which is being threatened. The process is that he will notify the office whenever work is being done in the jurisdiction of this Commission. Motions of Schreiber/Rand approved the five-year plan with all in favor.

5. **Budget Review 2020-2021**: The budget information will be forwarded to all Commission members for discussion and decision at the February meeting.

6. **Other Business**: Rabco Construction has submitted an application for work at 90 Sharon Mountain Road – along with a soil scientist report and map of the wetlands on the property (as requested by SIWWC). This application will be taken in February along with a site visit.

With no other business, motions of Schreiber/Tingley adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM with all in favor.

Respectfully,

Jamie Casey, Land Use Administrator/Clerk

**Next Meeting:** Monday, February 10, 2020 6:30 PM

**Site visits:** February 7-9th