CONSERVATION COMMISSION – TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE TUESDAY 27 June 2023 7:00pm, Stockbridge, MA – Town Hall & Remote via Zoom

Present: Ron Brouker [presiding], Lisa Bozzuto, Jamie Minacci, Joe DeGiorgis, Chuck Kohrer, Bill Loutrel, Karen Lutner

Also present: Shannon Boomsma, Bruce Packard, Steve Mack, David Cameron, Monte Levin, Karen Lyness, Jeff Cella, Tom Ruffing, Patrick White

Lisa Bozzuto made a motion to approve minutes from Tuesday, 13 June. Jamie Minacci seconded.

Shannon Boomsma (White) presented new plans for the Request for Determination of Applicability for Ted Hatch, 6 Old Colonial Road. (Map 201, lot 6) The plan is for drainage improvements. Jamie Minacci made a motion to accept the new plans and close the hearing. Bill Loutrel seconded. Unanimous.

Steve Mack (Foresight) presented the Notice of Intent Stockbridge Golf Club 6A Main Street. (Map 223, map 3) The plan is for a Pickleball Court and Related Site Work. The court is in the flood plain, but there will be no loss of flood storage. Joe DeGiorgis made a motion to accept the plans as presented and close the hearing. Chuck Kohrer seconded. Unanimous.

Karen Lyness (John Field) presented the Request for Determination of Applicability for Ira Golub, 98 Interlaken Road. They are dealing with dead trees and are asking to remove them. A site visit is set for Friday 6/31.

Commissioners reluctantly signed the Request for Determination for the Housatonic Railroad. Since there seems to be no cooperation on behalf of the Railroad or Mass DOT to remove the ties that we've been asking them to remove for years. Chuck Kohrer has photographs with GIS coordinates as to the location of the piles of discarded ties. The Fire Chief is also concerned with the fire hazard the ties pose. Ron Brouker made a motion to issue an Enforcement Order to compel them to remove the ties. Lisa Bozzuto seconded. Unanimous. Attorney Rodriguez agreed to approach the railroad and MassDOT to inform them of our concerns regarding the discarded ties, and let them know that we are expecting them to comply with our request to remove them. He will write to them and inform us of their decision.

There was discussion regarding the issue of handpulling invasives around personal docks. There are several options One would be on a case by case basis. There might also be an opportunity to do a bundled NOI.

There was additional discussion regarding the designation of Great Pond for Lily Pond. Are our protections under the Town Bylaws enough?

Jamie Minacci made a motion to adjourn at 9pm. Bill Loutrel seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Underwood-Miller, Secretary/Member