Town of Lenox Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes December 3, 2020 @ 7:30pm

Conservation Commission Members: Neal Carpenter (NC), Vincent Ammendola (VA), David Lane (DL), Rose Fitzgerald Casey (RFC); Joseph Strauch (JS); Dick Ferren (DF); Mark Smith (MS)

Absent with Notification:

Staff: Jessica Cote, Land Use Assistant

NC opened hearing at 7:30pm. The meeting was recorded.

1. Request for Determination— 472 West Mountain Road – Mass Audubon

- All Conservation Commission members were present on a site visit on December 3, 2020.
- Becky Cushing Gop was present representing Mass Audubon. Becky explained the project of installing an electric vehicle charging station.
- After the site visit there were recommendations from the Commission about improving the project which included a suggestion to remove the honeysuckle and replace with local woody native plants.
- DF asked what will stop gravel from washing away in the wetland. Becky stated that it isn't loose gravel that the gravel will be packed down and compressed.
- The Commission discussed possible conditions to the RDA.
- RFC moves to grant a negative three determination. VA seconds. All in favor 7-0 with the following conditions:
 - o Remove invasive species plants and replace with native species plants.
 - Call Conservation Commission when siltation devices are in place.
 - Width of the driveway not to pass by large maple tree identified during site visit.
 - o Boulders placed in the area of the identified maple tree.

2. Certificate of Compliance – Yokun Ridge - BNRC

- Mackenzie Greer from BNRC was present and shared with the Commission the completed trail work which included photos.
- JS moves to grant Certificate of Compliance. RFC seconds. All in favor. 7-0.

3. Approval of Minutes - November 5, 2020

• RFC moves to accept November 5th minutes as amended. DL seconds. All in favor 6-0.

RFC moved to close the meeting. DL seconds. All in favor 7-0. Meeting closed at 8:11pm.