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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES MEETING October 22, 2015

**To: Selectmen
Board of Health
Building Commissioner
Planning Board
Highway Department
Town Clerk**

Present: Chairman Dan Bartkus, Vice Chairman Gary Smith, Members: Tim Sheehan, Carrie Monty (7:15), Agent Bob Maki, and Secretary Susan Kalagher

Absent: John Regan, Robert Gendron

Guests: Edward Landry, Pamela Landry, John Mercier, Mildred Mercier, Chris Mossman, Holly Palmgren, Tess Paganelli, Mike Turgeon, Justin Mercier

Documents & Plans and other Exhibits

Plan – 6 Estabrook Park Road

Plan – 5 Hill Road

Plan – 191 South Ashburnham Road

Dan Bartkus called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was not recorded.

Certificates of Compliance

The following Certificates of Compliance were approved upon recommendation by Bob Maki:

- 185 Ellis Road / Edgewater Homes, Inc. #336-0281
- 69 Old Oak Avenue / Brown #336-0815
- 60 Bragg Hill Road / LeBlanc #336-0780

Mail and Minutes

Mail was read and distributed.

The Minutes of October 1, 2015 were unanimously approved.

**CONTINUATION OF NOI
6 Estabrook Park Road
Mehegan**

7:10 p.m. The continuation of the public hearing from October 1, 2015 for the installation of rip rap to protect the slope from erosion at 6 Estabrook Park Road was opened. Mr. Mehegan also requested that he be allowed to install a fence at the top of the slope. Mr. Mehegan had failed to notify abutters at the previous meeting and it was continued to allow the applicant an opportunity to notify the abutters by certified mail. Mr. Mehegan submitted proof of notification of abutters. Bob Maki discussed the Habitat Study suggested by DEP and recommended that this be moved forward without it. After review of the project, it was unanimously approved upon motion by Gary Smith and second by Tim Sheehan. The public hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m. Carrie Monty arrived at 7:15 p.m.

**MINOR MODIFICATION
Wachusett Extension Project
#336-0720 and #336-0732**

7:20 p.m. Lars Carlson of Jacobs Engineering requested a minor modification to the planting plan for the Wachusett Extension Project #336-0720. The MBTA proposes to move planting previously located behind Wall A to various locations within the limit of work. The number of plantings has not changed. There will be no additional impact to wetland resources. A minor plan modification was also requested for Wachusett Extension Project #336-0732 including a rip rap slope protection to prevent erosion of the slope adjacent to the intersection of Development Road and the 5th Massachusetts Turnpike. Erosion controls will remain in place until the site is permanently stabilized and wetland resources will not be impacted by design changes. The Commission concurred that these requests did not warrant the filing of a new Notice of Intent or an Amendment approved the modifications to both plans.

**NOI
5 Hill Road
Mercier**

7:45 p.m. The public hearing for the Notice of Intent requested by Justin Minor the construction of a new single-family home to replace and existing home at 5 Hill Road owned by John and Mildred Mercier was opened. Gary Smith recused himself. Mark Blanchard of Blanchard Survey gave the overview of the project. An old cesspool would be removed and a new septic system installed. Trees will be removed, stumped, and filled with loam and seed and jute matting to maintain integrity of the slope. Possible run-off was discussed. Dan Bartkus requested a plan showing the neighbor's house and how they intend to slow down run-off on both sides of the house. The public hearing was continued to November 12, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bartkus
Chairman
(prepared by Susan Kalagher)