Present: Gordon DeWolf  
Richard Provencher  
Christine Long  
Eric Tunley

7:00 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING: Request for Determination-Vincent Provencher, 52 Lake View Avenue to install a stairway to gain access to the waterfront and remove several trees greater than 100 feet from the waterline but may land in the 100 foot protective zone. Vincent Provencher was present and reviewed the plan. The stairs will end five feet from the waterline. There will be no machine work. Eric Tunley made the site visit. Negative Determination given. Richard Provencher abstained as Vincent is his brother.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE: Cynthia Dumaine, Burrington Road Bridge. Both Brian Silva and Eric Tunley did a site visit. The project has been completed. Certificate of Compliance issued.

At this time, Eric Tunley and Richard Provencher left the meeting as Eric’s vehicle while doing the site visit of the Burrington Bridge had overturned on Burrington Road and help had arrived to help him get it out of the gully. This was explained to those waiting to talk to the Commission.

Aaron Burns (508-335-9014) came in to discuss 193 East Main Street, a 13 acre lot he is considering purchasing. There are two lots and he wants to build on the top of the ridge where there are no wetlands. There would be water coming onto his front yard coming from three catch basins from the road. Gordon told him the water coming from the basins onto his property would be his problem to solve. He will need an engineered plan and a file a Notice of Intent should he purchase the property.

Barry Jr. and Susan Nadon, Snow Road Pasture: Abutters Karen Nicholas, Roland Sickenberger, Mary Beth Czaja, Kim Burdon, Carol Oullette, Tracy Crane, and David Mazzarese attended the meeting stating that they had not received certified letters regarding the cutting of trees on Snow Road by the Nadons and were concerned about run off into Lake Wickaboag. Secretary told them that the Nadons had filed a Request for Determination which does not require letters to the abutters. The Public Hearing was posted on the bulleting board outside the Town Hall, inside the Town Hall and a copy of the Request for Determination was available at the Town Clerk’s office and a legal advertisement was printed in the Telegram & Gazette. One abutter stated that “no one reads the newspaper.” Gordon DeWolf explained that we had followed the State
Regulations in issuing the Determination for the proposed change in land use for agricultural practices by clearing land to create a pasture and plant Christmas trees. He explained that Farming has its own set of regulations. Discussion of the project was held and the files were reviewed by the abutters. Mary Beth Czaja was given a copy of the USDA letter as she wanted to contact them. The abutters asked the Conservation Commission to place a “cease and desist” on the property but Gordon DeWolf told the group that we could not do that because they are following all the regulations. Gordon’s suggestion was to write a letter to the Stormwater Authority asking them to contact the USDA to review the project. They will do this. Gordon also explained to the group that a landowner has the right to clear-cut his property. If the landowner is under Chapter 61, 61A, he would have to file a Cutting Plan.

At 8:10 p.m., the meeting ended. The remaining items on the agenda will be taken up at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Long
Secretary