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TOWN OF AVON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2023 – 7:00 PM

65 East Main Street – Meeting Room

Avon, Massachusetts 02322

Members present: Paul Garcia, Chairperson; Edward Mekjian, member; Christopher Canducci, member.

Guests: Muhammad Itani, Stonebridge Homes, Inc.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair Garcia at 7:12 PM.

Extension of ORAD: Antone Road, Avon, Massachusetts. Owned by Stonebridge Homes, Inc.

Discussion of regulations governing ability for commission to extend ORAD for a select number of years. The Chair noted that wetland boundaries tend to change slightly over time and that a period of five years is generally recommended as a maximum before re-evaluating the physical conditions. Commissioners discussed the site topography and current conditions. Mr. Itani indicated no development has occurred and no plans exist for development as the reasons for requesting extension. Motion made to extend ORAD by 3 years. Unanimous vote in affirmative.

Review of correspondence/mail. Nothing requiring action.

Discussion of Special Town Meeting Warrant- Article 1 on the subject of Town acquiring land that may become conservation restricted land, with the intent of preparing for any questions that might arise during the Special Town Meeting directed towards the conservation commission. Agreement between commissioners that without further detail than provided in warrant, the commission has no opinion on this Article. If the real property becomes conservation land or there are permits for development requested, it will come before the commission at that time and issues or concerns will be discussed then.

The Chair shared a copy of his prepared draft FY25 budget for this commission with the other members for discussion. No changes were recommended. Budget will be submitted to the appropriate authority.

Accounts Payable: Four invoices reviewed from Joe Dunn for work performed as inter-municipal support of commission's required administrative activities. Some invoices had been reviewed in prior meetings. This time the Town treasurer made notes indicating from which funds the individual charge items were eligible to be paid for invoices that were not settled at last meeting. Motion made to approve all four invoices as submitted. All invoices approved in the amounts indicated by unanimous vote.

Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve meeting minutes of October 12, 2023, as written. Unanimous vote in affirmative to approve minutes of previous meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourns at 7:52 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted by,
Paul Garcia, Chair**