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**Town of Avon**

**Conservation Commission**

Public Hearing- Thursday, February 14, 2019

**Members Present:** Kevin Mooney, Edward Mekjian, Christopher Canducci

**Absent:** N/A

**Others Present:** Townspeople from surrounding areas of Joanna Rd.

Kevin Mooney called the public hearing to order at 7:08 PM.

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**Fagan Drive**

Dan Armstrong from Collins Civil Engineering presented to the Conservation Commission the Options in regard to Phase 1 of Fagan Drive Roadway. Option 1A demonstrates the roadway to be 22' in width. Option 1B demonstrates the roadway to be 24' in width. Option 2 demonstrates a 30' road in width and replacing the existing roadway with a road that would be a straight shot down to the Police Station with no curves. This option would have the road running through wetlands and cost about 33-50% more money than options 1A and 1B. Mr. Armstrong hopes to be returning to the Conservation Commission at the next public hearing with finalized plans. Mr. Mooney would like to see stormwater control as a big priority in the finalized plans.

**Joanna Hill Estates RDA**

Brian Dunn and Steven Smith working with Stonebridge Homes presented plans to perform test pits on the land off Joanna Road. Mr. Mooney revisits the town Bylaw regarding work inside 100' buffer. The board is concerned with gaining access to drilling sites. There is to be no filling within a 100' buffer zone without permission and there was filling done without permission in the past. Mr. Dunn states they plan on driving down the existing path, placing erosion control on either side of the gravel path, reestablishing flags. Mr. Dunn states now is the most ideal time to do it because of the frozen conditions. Mr. Mooney explains that area does not have frozen conditions, it is always muddy. The board suggests they choose a different path to access drill sites which would be to the right of the existing path. The board would like to see Mr. Dunn avoid wetlands completely and to cooperate with the board going forward. Mr. Dunn would be scheduling the testing within the next month if approved. Mr. Mooney discussed a hydro connection that had been in the location at one time and would like to see Stonebridge Homes keep the connection in their future work. The townspeople brought many questions up to the

board. One question included what type of equipment would be used to perform these tests. Mr. Dunn explained there would be mid-size SUV sized drill machine with rubber tracks. They discussed they may have to use a machine bigger than explained to get into bed rock. Stonebridge will be required to contact Mr. Mooney throughout the entire process so he can be present to observe them access the land and to escort them out. The townspeople asked the board about a potential golf course proposal for that area of land. The board explained they did not approve or deny any projects regarding that area of land.

A motion was made by Edward Mekjian, seconded by Christopher Canducci, for negative three determination with conditions: access will go to the south of wetland feature number 2, the access through the wetland area will have erosion control 12' sock onsite, notify commission 48 hours before silk sock placement, equipment on site, and leaving the area so a representative from the commission can be present to ensure no damage to the wetlands, as well as keeping clean site, picking up any material on the roadway. All in favor.

**A motion was made by Edward Mekjian, seconded by Christopher Canducci, to close the public hearing at 8:10 PM.**

**A motion was made by Edward Mekjian, seconded by Christopher Canducci, to reopen the public hearing at 8:17 PM.**

A motion was made by Edward Mekjian, seconded by Christopher Canducci, to approve the Certificate of Compliance for 3 Kathrine's Way requested by Terry Edwards. All in Favor.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Edward Mekjian to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 PM, seconded by Kevin Mooney.

Next meeting scheduled on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

**Kevin Mooney, Chairman**