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MINUTES SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 5:30 P.M. BY ZOOM

Members Present: Bob Clark - Chair, Henry Woolsey, Ann Lewis, Mike Seitz, Anne Cavanaugh - Clerk

Guest: Deborah Poodry

OPEN MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 5:42 p.m.

Request for Determination of Applicability by Deborah Poodry of 37 South Main Street for the construction of a two-car garage within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of bordering vegetated wetland, Map 201 Lot 16-0

A notice of the RDA appeared in the Athol Daily News on August 27, 2021 and was posted to mytowngovernment.com. There was a site visit on Saturday, August 24, 2021.

Deborah Poodry stated that the proposed 2-car garage will be added on the side of the existing house where cars are parked already. A stone wall separates it from the backyard, which is wetland. It's not a complicated construction project.

Bob added that the proposed location of the garage within the buffer zone is separated from the wetland on the north side by a substantial, ancient stone wall and an incline of land running uphill 450 feet further north beyond the wall. The garage will be sited toward the street exactly opposite the slope of the wetland.

There was some discussion about where vehicles would be parked while the garage is being built and the potential for oil leaks.

On a motion made by Ann Lewis and seconded by Mike Seitz, the Commission moved to accept the Negative Determination No. 3 with the following conditions including erosion controls where needed and catch basins under construction vehicles. The motion passed with Anne Cavanaugh, Henry Woolsey, and Bob Clark in favor.

On a motion made by Anne Cavanaugh and seconded by Henry Woolsey, the meeting was adjourned. The motion passed with Mike Seitz, Anne Lewis, and Bob Clark in favor. After the motion, Deborah Poodry left the Zoom meeting while the Commission paused until its next special meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Cavanaugh, Clerk