Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Minutes of March 18, 2024 were reviewed. Burz made motion to approve minutes as presented; seconded by Burdick; passed unanimously.

Public Input: none

Old Business:

1. Undermountain Road Drainage: Burdick reported that he attended the on-site visit of the Sinclair property by two individuals from NCRS (Sara and Dave). Karl and Kneeland Munson, MaryLu Sinclair and Chris Kinsella were also in attendance. Cost-sharing incentives are available but the process is lengthy. NRCS will review a proposed design of remediation that Kneeland Munson may design. The site visit was limited to the Sinclair property. NRCS has also been contacted by Pixley but a site visit of the Pixley property has not yet been scheduled. Burdick encouraged Pixley to contact NRCS to schedule a site visit as the Sinclair and Pixley drainage issues appear to be connected. Burz commented that from the observed amount of drainage, he feels this issue needs to be addressed in a timely manner. It was suggested that Munson contact Janell Mullen, ZEO, as drainage falls under the purview of the Planning & Zoning commission.

2. Coolidge Subdivision: Kelsey reported having attended the P&Z hearing for the Coolidge subdivision, which was approved with several conditions. Rain gardens have been proposed to handle drainage, although their ability to handle the potential increase in drainage was questioned. Kelsey provided P&Z with additional past communications from NRCS regarding drainage issues on Beebe Hill. Burdick reported having received an email from Mallison, Coolidge’s realtor, informing him that going forward, the sale of the property will now be advertised in a manner that could facilitate preservation of the rear portion of the property. Burdick spoke with Paul Herrington who does appraisals for Farm Credit. Herrington provided property value comparisons and Burdick forwarded them to John Allen. The Morrows, who live on Beebe Hill Road, expressed concerns regarding drainage impacting Beebe Hill Road. Kinsella suggested they put their concerns in writing to the Selectmen. Barger reminded the Commission of the existence of an ‘Emergency Watershed Protection’ program through NRCS that helps communities address watershed impairments. Kelsey will research this program.

3. Housatonic Working Group: Through an email, Sinclair reported that HB5219, a proposed bill regarding legislation pertaining to the use of herbicides by the railroad, is going to the full House and has received much support.

4. Inland Wetlands/Conservation Commission Jurisdiction: Burdick shared the memo he had sent to Mullen, ZEO, in which he explained the jurisdictions of our joint Commissions and detailed the rationale behind the Commission’s conservation concerns regarding the proposed Coolidge subdivision. Kelsey reported having given to the P&Z
documentation regarding the ordinances/town meetings creating both the Conservation Commission and the Inland Wetlands Commission.

New Business:
1. **Reville Memo Request:** A request for a copy of a memo sent by Sinclair to P&Z dated December 18, 2013 regarding P&Z revisions (including ‘Incentive Housing Zone’), was received by Burdick from Reville. Reville subsequently obtained the memo from other sources and forwarded the memo to Burdick.

Routing Sheet Sign-offs:
1. **Dahoney, 46 Johnson Road:** 24’ x 36’ garage.

Communications:
1. **Aquarion Water Co. Environmental Awards:** Notice was received from Aquarion requesting nominations for “environmental champions” awards. Members were asked to consider potential nominees. Burdick will also notify HVRHS VoAg of the request.

Burz made a motion at 8:09 p.m. that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Kelsey; passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Kelsey, secretary