Present: Chairman Matt Freund, Barry Brown, Eric Whiting, Chris Crane, Mike O’Connor

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Mr. Whiting made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Crane seconded the motion. Motion carried.

100 Lower Road – came before commission for just an informal discussion. The project is an inground pool near the Blackberry River. There are 2 potential locations, one within the 50-foot setback and the other within the 100-foot setback. The fill from the excavation would be taken away as they would have to make it level. It is currently existing lawn. It is not in a wetland, but it is in the flood plain. It would require a permit for being in the upland review area. The commission recommends he try and take it out of the setback area completely. No action is being taken tonight it is just informal discussion.

Specialty Minerals mining permit: The plant manager and the health and safety manager spoke before the commission regarding the permitting requirements for mining operations for hard stone. Zoning Enforcement Officer Martin recommended that they meet with the commission about the mining plan and what has been happening. The last full mining plan was completed in 2019. Currently they are in phase 2 – 660 ft elevation and working to the south and east. The 3 phases will take several years to excavate. There are a couple of streams in the back of the property that will become an issue but several years away from that. They will collaborate with environmental consultants, the State, and the town to get it worked out. Chairman Freund explained that this permit needs to be done to be signed off as a way of the town catching up on paperwork. The length of the permit is 3 years, but ZEO Martin would like to revisit it yearly. At this point there is nothing being done in a wetland area. There is no excavation at other sites. There was a discussion of the area accepting the waste byproduct and how that is being managed as it continues to grow. There is a maintenance schedule in place for the quarry. A discussion of areas and the cleaning schedule ensued. ZEO Martin has a copy of the mining plan, but they will get a hard copy to the commission as well as a digital copy. The commission will review before signing off. They are actively working on a new mine plan for later this year due to changes. The timeline for sign off is asap so that the paperwork is caught up. As long as they continue to
make progress there is no issue. A discussion of the walk through several years ago ensued.

Mr. O’Connor and Mr. Freund both did some sign offs of items not within wetlands.

No other business to come before the commission.

Mr. O’Connor moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Crane seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary