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Attendance: Vice Chairman, Bob Romano; Jim Luciani; Teresa Belmonte; Frank Calandra; Peter Miller; Ken Alepidis

Absent: Nini Ren

Agent: Elaine Vreeland, Recording: Judy Green

6/25/20 minutes – Ms. Belmonte made a motion to approve the 6/25/20 minutes.

Mr. Luciani made a second to the motion. After polling the Commissioners, the motion passed. Mr. Calandra abstained.

375 Water Street – Aleksander Vukaj - Request for Determination of Applicability: public hearing – to remove deposited debris and replant within the floodplain. Mr. Vukaj purchased the property a year ago. A large amount of trash, construction debris, car parts and yard refuse were discovered in the rear of the lot. He would like to remove the trash, plant grass and add several other trees and plantings. The current fence along the property line will also be repaired and extended. A small bobcat will be used for trash removal due to the size of objects.

Mr. Romano asked if the applicant had established the location of his property line.

Mr. Vukaj stated that a survey was conducted 6 months ago. The property line is staked every 6 to 8 feet. He has also sent a letter to the abutter at 383 Water Street to inform him of the property boundary. This abutter has a large accumulation of cars, trailers and assorted other items along the rear of his property, abutting the applicant's property. Photos of the deposited trash were shared with the Commission.

Mr. Romano asked if there would be any grading changes.

Mr. Vukaj stated there would not be.

Mr. Calandra asked if loam would be added.

Mr. Vukaj stated that approximately 1" of loam would be spread in order to install new grass.

Mr. Miller made a motion to issue a negative Determination of Applicability.

Mr. Luciani made a second to the motion. After polling the Commissioners, the motion passed unanimously.

Information and photos of 383 Water Street will be forwarded to the Building Inspector for possible follow-up. This site was previously flagged by the Department of Public Works due to the large accumulation of material in the floodplain.

611 Salem Street - Request for minor modification – Ms. Vreeland spoke with Peter Ogren of Hayes Engineering re: applicant's plan to raze and replace the current house.

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The Commission requested submission of building details, foundation type and any changes to the infiltration system.

This matter was continued to the 7/23/20 meeting.

Youth Council – Town Council's newly formed Youth Council has assigned liaisons to several Town boards and commissions. The Commission's liaison will be joining the 7/23/20 meeting.

The Commission enthusiastically welcomed this participation.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Belmonte made a second to the motion. After polling the Commissioners, the motion passed unanimously.