Webster Conservation Commission August 14, 2019

Present: Chris Schadler (Chair), Linda Clark, Betsy Janeway, Sally Embley, Isabel Brintnall, Sue Roman
Guest:

Agenda Item	Summary
1. Call to order and appointment of Secretary	Meeting began at 7:10 P.M. Appoint Secretary: Isabel Brintnall volunteered.
2. Minutes	Minutes from July voted on and approved unanimously.
3. Correspondence	Letter from DES re: complaint on David Vasquez property was reviewed. Letter dated in June but just received by Chris. Noted that no work on the property could be performed other than erosion control.
4. Building permit process	There is uncertainty about the building permit process and whether in fact a building permit is required. A town summit is scheduled for 8/26. A motion was made for the town counsel to be present at that summit meeting to assist with clarifying the regs around the building permit process. Sally Embley seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.
5. Wetlands scientist	Chris has tried to connect with a wetlands scientist to evaluate our wetlands. Nancy Rendall is interested in talking with us further but is on vacation. Marc West called to say we don't need a wetlands scientist because DES has already done the work on determining the function of wetlands. Some uncertainty as to what this means. Sue and Isabel volunteered to contact Nancy and/or Mark for clarification.
6. Schoodac Bridge	The town received a letter from DOT stating the bridge is in such bad shape (it's been down-graded to 3T) that it's asked DES to expedite the repair process. The plan is to create a "perched culvert," an interim fix since construction firm unable to begin permanent repairs for 5 or 6 years. Concerns were raised about the potential harm to wetlands, animal species with perched culvert construction.
7. Working Session for Water Quality Ordinance	Date chosen for a work session: 9/4/2019

Meeting was adjourned at   9:15 PM
Minutes respectfully submitted by: **Isabel Brintnall**