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Conservation Commission

[DRAFT] WCC Walk Notes – March 2, 2024, 8 a.m. submitted by T. Failla, Conservation Planner

Present: K. Brendsel, S. Schlechter

60 Georgetown [CC-24-02-COM] – Neither property owner nor representative present. Commissioners noted that filled areas were covered with sandy, stony soils without stabilizing vegetation and, with the exception of sparse amounts of straw and wood chips, lacked organic material conducive to lawn establishment. Edges of filled area dropped off approximately 6 in to 8 in near wetland edge and showed signs of erosion. Single silt fence was not properly installed nor maintained. Significant amount of wood chips were present over large areas of the wetlands and two pipes approximately 4 in to 6 in. in diameter drained directly into the wetlands. Commissioners also a new patio at the south end of the house. Questions arise about removing wood chips from wetlands, providing an engineered storm water management/drainage plan for handling footing, roof and driveway runoff and stabilizing fill areas.

16 Hemlock Ridge [CC-24-03-COM] – Architect Andrew Padron, representing the property owners, guided the group around the features of the property which were staked and the watercourse area which was flagged. Questions arose on how roof runoff would be collected without gutters and leaders and whether the drainage system would handle other impervious surfaces such driveway, turnaround and court yard. Also that excavation of the foundation was handled through an administrative permit earlier. Erosion and sedimentation controls were installed several months ago and beefed up before the foundation excavation work took place.

154 Newtown Tpke [CC-24-04- COM] – Town representative not present. Conservation Planner guided the group around the area for the proposed installation of three pickle ball courts and associated engineered underground 18x40 ft area to the west of the courts for an infiltration system to collect and process water from the courts. The group looked at flagged wetland/watercourse areas to the south, west and north, that placed the proposed project within wetland/watercourse review. Questions arose about cut and fill and whether additional fill materials would be needed to establish a level area for the courts and whether erosion and sedimentation controls would be installed on the north side of the asphalt path leading to the playground.