

Shutesbury Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2021
Virtual Meeting
Approved 8.26.21

Commissioners Present: Mary David, Miriam DeFant, Robin Harrington, Scott Kahan

Interim Clerk: Penny Jaques

DeFant opened the meeting at 7:00pm

Review Third Party Consultant proposal for ANRAD (Montague Rd/Carver Rd) submitted by Emily Stockman.

Jaques reminded the Commission of the process when using consultants for peer review of projects. Once the consultant's proposal is agreed to by the Commission, it is signed and provided to the applicant and the consultant. The applicant must provide a check before the consultant may begin work. When the check is received by the Town, it is placed into a special 53 G account.

Emily Stockman has submitted an estimate for a wetland consultant peer review for the Revised ANRAD submitted by TRC on behalf of W.D. Cowls to review the delineated boundaries located within the expanded area on Parcel ZD-37 (Montague/Carver Rds). The estimate is \$3,750 which was revised from the original to include Stockman's presence at two Commission meetings rather than one. The contract follows the standard format that Stockman has submitted for all six of the Cowls/TRC ANRADs.

Kahan asked why the Commission used peer reviewers. DeFant explained when particularly large scale or complex projects come before the Commission, it uses the services of a peer review consultant to provide expertise that is beyond the scope of the Commission. This is done very infrequently. Stockman has provided this service for the Wheelock Solar Project site and the other ANRADs submitted by TRC/ Cowls ed over the past year and a half. The Commission has confidence in her work.

David made a motion to approve the contract. Harrington seconded. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

DeFant will sign the proposal and email to TRC and Stockman.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.