**TOWN OF YORKTOWN CONSERVATION BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**February 3rd, 2021**

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**Board Members Present**: Co-Chair Phyllis Bock, Co-chair Diane Dreier, Peter Alduino, Justin Pruyne, Patrick François

Kim Hughes - Secretary

**Board Members Absent:** Walt Plankl, Robert Waterhouse

**Guests:** Robyn Steinberg, Joe Riina **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Phyllis Bock called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The meeting took place via Zoom Conference Call.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting: Done

Communications Received: None

Chair Persons Report: None

Reports from Other Committees: None

 **Old Business:**

* **NY Self Storage:**

The Conservation Board discussed the application for a wetland permit for NY Self Storage located at 621 Bank Road in Jefferson Valley. The Board has the following comments: The Conservation Board is in favor of granting the wetland permit to the Applicant.

**New Business:**

* **1875 Brookdale Street:**

The Conservation Board discussed 1375 Brookdale Street permit application for Wetland and MS4 Stormwater Management with Mr. Almeida and Joe Riina P.E of Site Designs. The Conservation Board has the following comments: From visual observation of photos shared by the applicant it appears that debris from tree removal was dumped in the wetland, the area was graded and wood chips were spread over part of the area. This work within the wetland impacts the ability of the wetland to function. The applicant proposes to clean out the tree stumps and debris dumped in pits dug by machinery by hand to the best extent possible. The Conservation Board advises that this is inadequate because of the impact this may have had on the underlying wetland soils. The Conservation Board advises that the disturbed area within the wetland be inspected by a certified wetland inspector to assess the impact of the work done by the applicant to the wetland. The proposed spreading of wetland seed mix is inadequate mitigation in the disturbed area. We also advise that a variety of wetland shrubs and trees be planted to restore the functioning of the disturbed wetland. In addition, the applicant has filled further into the wetland than approved by previous permit. The grading should be revised to reduce the fill in the wetland. The applicant is proposing a wall along the front property line that extends into the wetland. The wall should be terminated at the wetland. Revised grading plan and a detailed mitigation plan should be submitted for approval. Unless these conditions are met the Conservation Board does not feel that a wetland permit should be granted.

The CB Meeting was Adjourned at 9:30PM with a motion by Diane Dreier and seconded by Pat Francios.