

**Conservation Commission Minutes
November 27, 2006**

Present: LD: Lorraine DeSouza, Chairman AJ: Arthur Johanningsmeier
CP: Christopher Picone, MH: Michael Horgan, Associate
LC: Lori Capone, Conservation Agent

Absent: GH: Gary Howland, Associate

7:30 LD opened the Meeting

❖ **LD: Motion** to accept the minutes of November 13, 2006

AJ: 2nd

Unanimous 3-0

7:31 Barbara Gale – 161 Ashby Road – Notice of Intent: (Map 64, Parcel 40, Lot 1) Proposed installation of a seasonal dock. LD opened the Hearing, no abutters were present. Mr. and Mrs. Gale presented their project to the Commission. The Gales explained that they just bought the house which had a dock which did not have an Order of Conditions. It is a 24 x 4 aluminum dock with mud flap footings. Mr. Gale asked if he could also get a load of sand delivered. The Gales had not sent their application to DEP so the Hearing was continued.

LD: Motion to continue the Hearing to January 8, 2007 at 8:15 pm.

CP: 2nd

Unanimous 3-0

❖ LC informed the Commission that the Town Administrator was looking for a volunteer to be involved with the DPW/Town Engineer interviewing process. The Commission decided they were comfortable letting LC sit in the interviews.

7:40 Paul Bassett – 19 Log Cabin Road – Notice of Intent: (Map 66, Parcel 52) Proposed construction of a 12' x 24' addition and 10' x 14' porch within the buffer zone. LD opened the Hearing. The Bassett's were not present so the Commission continued the Hearing to the end of the Meeting. No abutters were present.

LD: Motion to continue the Hearing to the end of the Meeting.

CP: 2nd

Unanimous 3-0

❖ LD updated the Commission on Lots 9 and 11A Hay Road. LD submitted pictures for the record. Mr. Ross addressed the Commission. The Town Administrator set up a meeting to address everyone's concerns on December 15, 2006 at 8:00am.

❖ LC referred the Commission to a letter from Habitat for Humanity requesting the Commission relieve the fees associated with the project on Sherbert Road.

LD: Motion to waive the fees for Habitat for Humanity on Sherbert Road.

CP: 2nd

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Unanimous 3-0

- ❖ LC referred the Commission to a letter from McCarty Engineering requesting a continuance for the McNiff Hearing on Williams Road to allow the applicant to appeal the ZBA denial.
CP: Motion to continue the Hearing for McNiff on Williams Road to April 9, 2007 at 7:30.

LD: 2nd

Unanimous 3-0

- ❖ **LD: Motion** to issue a Certificate of Compliance for the installation of lights on Oakmont Drive.
CP: 2nd

Unanimous 3-0

8:00 Sarah Culgin – 5 Cote Avenue – Notice of Intent: (Map 19, Parcel 2) Upgrade to the existing septic system with associated grading and utilities, within the buffer zone. LD opened the Hearing, there were no abutters. Ms. Culgin presented the project to the Commission. LD asked if the system grading could be more than 50 feet from the wetland and if Board of Health has approved the project yet. Ms. Culgin said she is scheduled for the Board of Health on December 4, 2006. LC mentioned the new addition in the buffer zone which was not constructed under an Order of Conditions and the presence of construction debris in the back yard. The applicant requested to amend the application to include the addition and a wire mesh fence. LD requested silt fence only be utilized for erosion controls. LC informed the Commission that DEP has not issued a number yet.

LD: Motion to continue the Hearing to January 8, 2007 at 8:30 PM.

CP: 2nd

Unanimous 3-0

8:15 (8:20) Request for an Extension to their Orders of Conditions for Billy Ward Pond, Little Watatic, Lower Naukeag, Sunset Lake, and Lake Watatic. Lee Lyman of Lycott, Dick Marble, David Arnold, Steve Slocum, Lee Ross, Joe Land and Kevin Paicos were present. LD requested one document regarding maintenance on all the lakes. Mr. Lyman explained the process he follows for Sunset Lake. There was much discussion. The Commission will generate a list of requested information for the Association and/or their representatives to provide the Commission.

LD: Motion to grant a three year extension to the Orders of Conditions for all five lakes.

CP: 2nd

Unanimous 3-0

8:30 (9:06) Trustees of Cushing Academy - 39 School Street – Request for Determination of Applicability: (Continued from 11/13/06) Proposed installation

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of rip-rap to protect a small portion of bank that is currently eroding, within the riverfront area. No one was in attendance.

LD: Motion to continue to January 8, 2007 at 8:45 PM.

CP: 2nd

Unanimous 3-0

8:45 (9:08) Jeremy Dower – 20 Fitchburg Road – Notice of Intent: (Continued from 10/23/06 and 11/13/06) Proposed introduction of fill and grading, within the buffer zone and riverfront area. Mr. Dower addressed the Board and presented new drawings showing a 2:1 slope. The revised plan does not provide Mr. Dower with the backyard size they would like and requested the

Commission allow a 1:1 slope with a boulder retaining wall backfilled with a layer of ¾ inch stone. Mr. Dower said he would phase the project to ensure stabilization. LD requested a construction fence in addition to the erosion control barrier as the limit of work. LD requested revised plans.

LD: Motion to close the Hearing.

CP: 2nd

Unanimous 3-0

LD: Motion to issue an Order of Conditions contingent on receipt of a satisfactory plan showing schematic and details.

CP: 2nd

Unanimous 3-0

9:00 (9:24) Jessica Parisi – 9 South School Street – Notice of Intent: (Map 59, Parcel 33)

Reconstruction of a single family house with associated grading and utilities, within the buffer zone. The Commission had discussed the reconstruction at the last meeting when Ms. Parisi appeared before them for permission to demo the existing house.

LD: Motion to close the Hearing and issue an Order of Conditions per plan and discussion.

CP: 2nd

Unanimous 3-0

9:30 Paul Bassett – 19 Log Cabin Road – Notice of Intent: (Map 66, Parcel 52) Proposed construction of a 12' x 24' addition and 10' x 14' porch within the buffer zone. This Hearing was continued from earlier this evening. Mr. and Mrs. Bassett presented the project to the Commission. Mr. Lee was also present. Mr. Bassett explained changes he wants to make to the plan. There was discussion.

LD: Motion to close the Hearing and issue an Order of Conditions per plan and discussion.

CP: 2nd

Unanimous 3-0

9:15 (10:00) Ashburnham Conservation Commission: (Continued from 10/23/06 and 11/13/06) The Ashburnham Conservation Commission will conduct a Public Minutes 11/27/06 continued

Meeting to establish its' Rules and Regulations relating to the Ashburnham Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

LD: Motion to send to Town Counsel and Cuoco and Cormier for review.

CP: 2nd

Unanimous 3-0

❖ Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 98 Ferrin Road

LD: Motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance

CP: 2nd

Unanimous 3-0

LD: Motion to adjourn

CP: 2nd

Unanimous 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 10:06

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Capone, Conservation Agent

