

Minutes of the Conservation Commission
September 10, 2007

Present: CP: Christopher Picone, Chairman LD: Lorraine DeSouza
 MH: Michael Horgan LC: Lori Capone, Cons. Agent
Absent: GH: Gary Howland, Associate Member

7:30 PM CP opens the Meeting of the Conservation Commission under the Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Ashburnham Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

CP: Motion to continue 9 Lillian Drive to 7:40PM and 75 Westshore Drive to 7:50PM as the representative for both Hearings is presently in the Board of Health Meeting
LD: Seconds Motion
Motion carries 3-0

Other Business

- LC updated the Commission regarding Westminster Street Bridge project. The culvert was placed 18 inches too high due to the presence of ledge. Mr. Ouellette, Director of the Department of Public Works, will place an impervious barrier at the mouth and end of the culvert so that the water flows through the culvert instead of under, which is occurring presently.
- LD requested that the trash on Tuckerman Road get picked up by the Highway Department. Paul Boushell, Town Administrator addressed the Commission regarding this matter and expressed concern regarding enabling the violators and turning the area into a dumping ground. LD asked if she could pick up the trash and bring it to the Highway Department for disposal as it is located next to a vernal pool. Mr. Boushell said he would have it taken care of.

7:53 CP opened the Hearing for 9Lillian Drive, continued from earlier this evening. Angel Lehtonen addressed the Commission for the applicant who was not present. CP asked if there were any abutters present to speak for or against this project: there were none present. Ms. Lehtonen explained that she met with the Board of Health and they have approved all requested Variances.

LD: Motion to close the Hearing

CP: Seconds Motion

Motion carries unanimously 3-0

CP: Motion to issue an Order of Conditions per plan and discussion

MH: Seconds Motion

Motion carries unanimously 3-0

7:57 CP opened the Hearing for 75 Westshore Drive, continued from earlier this evening. CP asked if there were any abutters present to speak for or against this project: there were none present. Angel Lehtonen requested a continuance to work out some design changes with the owner.

LD: Motion to continue the Hearing to September 24, 2007 at 9:15PM.

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CP: Seconds Motion
Motion carries unanimously 3-0

Other Business

- LC updated the Commission on the erosion problem at 212 Ashby Road.
- GH disseminated the draft Conservation Restriction for the Hood Property. GH stated the Conservation Restriction is presently being reviewed for the Conservation Commission. LD updated the Commission regarding this project.
- LC disseminated the Forest Cutting Plan for the Wright's Farm for review.
- DEP forms were signed: OOC for 100 Main Street, OOC for Westminster Street Bridge, OOC for Townwide Maintenance
- LD: Motion to approve the minutes of August 13, 2007
CP: Seconds Motion
Motion carries unanimously 3-0

CP: Motion to adjourn
MH: Seconds Motion
Motion carries unanimously 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:37PM
Respectfully submitted by Lori Capone, Conservation Agent