

Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission
April 26, 2010

Present: MD: Marshall Dennis, Chairman CP: Christopher Picone
 AA: Alana Archangelo LD: Lorraine DeSouza
 LC: Lori Capone, Conservation Agent

7:30 PM MD opened the meeting of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission under the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and in accordance with the Ashburnham Wetlands Protection Bylaw and associated Rules and Regulations.

7:31 PM LC presented a plan for 38 Stodge Meadow Road, discussed at the last meeting, to replace the existing cesspool with a tight tank. The tank is proposed to be located 25 feet from the lake, not 60 as previously thought. MD requested that more detail be provided on the plan that will be submitted with the Request for Determination of Applicability application. LC spoke with Rick Metcalf, the Board of Health Agent, who indicated that the location could be temporary. Testing will have to be performed to determine if there is a more suitable location for the tight tank. LD noted that plan was not to scale. All buildings also were not shown also. MD requested that silt fence be extended up the lot line to a point about ten feet beyond the proposed tight tank.
LD: Motion to issue the Emergency Certification with the condition that an after-the-fact RDA be submitted with accurate plans.
AA: Seconded the Motion
Motion carried unanimously 4-0

7:30(7:40) PM MD opened the Notice of Intent Hearing for Joseph Solans for Lot 9 Ferin Road continued from April 12th for the proposed construction of a new single family house, well and septic system located within the buffer zone. MD asked if there were any abutters present to speak for or against the project: no abutters were present. LC informed the Commission that Mr. Beauchemin has submitted a request for a continuance to make the changes discussed at the last meeting and to file for approval of the revised lot lines with the Planning Board.
LD: Motion to continue the Hearing for Lot 9 Ferin Road to May 10, 2010 at 7:45 PM
AA: Seconded the Motion
Motion carried unanimously 4-0

Other Business:

- MD informed the Commission that he did not have time to draft a letter to the new owners of 97 Center Street (Lot A) to address the violations of the previous owner. The property conveyed without a Certificate of Compliance.

- LC updated the Commission regarding Walter Sussbeaur's complaint of the drawdown of Lower Naukeag Lake. LC disseminated a letter from Mark Petersen. Weston and Sampson have reviewed the site and recommended that the boards be replaced in the dam to allow the lake level be brought back up to normal levels. MD will follow up with the Town Administrator to see if the Commission can meet with Weston and Sampson prior to the Lower Naukeag Amendment Request Hearing on May 24th.
- CP informed the Commission that he looked at the drawdown being performed at the Naukeag Lake Club and saw no evidence of invertebrate mortality. The Lake Club did ask his permission to rake out the weeds from the pond bottom. CP will tell them to leave the vegetation below the water line.
- LC informed the Commission that an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation has been submitted for the J. R. Briggs School on Williams Road. A site visit has been scheduled for May 3rd at 1:00 PM. The Commission requested that the site visit be rescheduled to 2:30 PM so that MD and AA could attend.
- LC presented a Determination of Negligible Impact for 137 Ashby Road for the removal of one white pine tree located seven feet from Lake Winnekeag. The tree would be removed in sections and the stump will remain to maintain soil stability. The homeowner lost two white pines in the ice storm and therefore requested to remove this one also. LC showed pictures of the site.
LD: Motion to issue a Determination of Negligible Impact
CP: Seconded the Motion
Motion carried unanimously 4-0
- LC presented a Request for Certificate of Compliance for 43 Lincoln Avenue. The Order was for the construction of a septic system. The area has been stabilized and LC recommended the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.
CP: Motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance
AA: Seconded the Motion
Motion carried unanimously 4-0
- LC presented a Forest Cutting Plan for 13 acres on Jewell Hill Road owned by Jason and Ammie Thrailkill. LC noted that the 10 day review period has already lapsed and the Department of Conservation and Recreation has already approved this plan. The Commission requested that LC inform the Land Use Administrator that it is imperative that she contact the Commission when these come in.
- LC presented a Zoning Board of Appeals application for 31 Hay Road for the construction of an addition. LC informed the Commission that this project is located within the buffer zone and showed aerials of the site. The Commission requested that LC write a letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the applicant that this project would require a Determination of Negligible Impact from the Commission with the assumption that all work will be performed on the road side of the property. All soil piles will have

to keep covered with a tarp to prevent erosion and a stockpile of haybales and stakes will have to be located on site in case of an emergency.

- The Commission signed the Certificate of Compliance for 43 Lincoln Avenue and the Emergency Certificate for 38 Stodge Meadow Road
- MD informed the Commission that Jeff Merrill, the Eagle Scout, has completed the trail on the Russell Hill Property and has requested permission to construct another one. MD walked the area with Jeff and determined that the proposed trail would not require a permit from the Commission. This work would be completed in the next few weeks.
- LD requested the LC contact the DPW regarding regrading Bush Hill Road. There is a vernal pool that gets negatively impacted and LD requested that a berm be constructed around this area to prevent future impacts. MD suggested flagging the area for the DPW.

MD: Motion to adjourn

CP: Seconded the Motion

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM

Respectfully submitted by Lori Capone, Conservation Agent