

Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission  
June 2, 2010

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

7:35 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.

7:36 PM            MD reopened the Abbreviate Notice of Resource Area Delineation Hearing for the Town of Ashburnham J.R. Biggs Feasibility Study Committee for 96 Williams Road for the verification of wetland delineation, continued from May 24, 2010. Present for the applicant was David Christianson, Chairman of the School Committee, Dr. Zapantis, Superintendent of Schools, Jaime Rheault, Charles Caron and Michael Pagano of Lamoureaux & Pagano Associates. MD asked if there were any abutters present to speak for or against the application: no abutters were present. MD noted that he sent an email regarding two minor changes to the wetland delineations which were not reflected on the revised plan. Jamie Rheault acknowledged that he received these changes, and a revised plan would be submitted. Michael Pagano presented a new conceptual plan of the proposed development which moved the building approximately 75 feet to the north, thus keeping the building out of the buffer zone to the maximum extent feasible. A 25 – 30 foot no-touch zone also was established adjacent to the wetlands. All features of the program and school expectations were maintained with the new design. The Feasibility Study Committee requested encouragement that the Commission was comfortable with the proposed alteration to the buffer zone. The Commission agreed that the design presented, dated June 2, 2010, appeared reasonable. MD noted that DEP and ACEO would like the area near the vernal pool to remain unaltered. Jamie Rheault noted that the Committee still owes the Commission a revised plan, a linear calculation of the wetland boundary and filing fees. MD noted for the record that AA is employed by the school system and asked if anyone had any concerns with any appearance of a conflict of interest if she were to act on this application as the Commission did not have a quorum without her participation. There were no objections from the applicant.  
MD: Motion to close the Hearing  
CP: Seconded the Motion  
Motion carried unanimously 3-0  
MD: Motion to accept the wetland delineation with the addition of the two changes noted in his email dated May 28, 2010  
CP: Seconded the Motion  
Motion carried unanimously 3-0

Other Business:

- The Commission reviewed and signed the Order of Conditions for Lot 9 Ferin Road
- LC presented a request for an Extension for 1 Little Watatic Road. LC explained that the Order was for the installation of new septic system and demolition of a garage. The septic system has been installed and approved by the Board of Health but work on the garage has not been completed yet. The applicant was requesting a one year extension.  
MD: Motion to grant a one year extension to the Order of Conditions for 1 Little Watatic Road  
CP: Seconded the Motion  
Motion carried unanimously 3-0  
The Commission signed the Extension Permit
- LC presented a request for an Extension for Lot 5 Murray Road. LC explained that the Order was for the construction of a new single family house with a driveway crossing. The present owner just bought the lot in November and requested a three year extension to develop the property. The Commission reviewed the approved plan and Order of Conditions, particularly conditions associated with the wetland replication.  
MD: Motion to grant a three year Extension to the Order of Conditions for Lot 5 Murray Road with a reminder that the new owner review the Order with respect to the conditions for the construction of the replication area.  
AA: Seconded the Motion  
Motion carried unanimously 3-0  
The Commission signed the Extension Permit
- The Commission discussed an email received by Doug Briggs, Town Administrator regarding work Mr. Sussbauer would like to perform. MD suggested that the Commission meet with Doug and have him as the point man as it was inappropriate for the Commission to be involved in designing a project that will require approval from the Commission. CP noted that a Notice of Intent would have to be submitted for approval for such work. MD agreed to meet with Doug and provide some guidance associated with filing a Notice of Intent for the proposed activity.

MD: Motion to adjourn the Meeting

CP: Seconded the Motion

Motion carried unanimously 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted by Lori Capone, Conservation Agent