Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission October 25, 2010

Present: MD: Marshall Dennis, Chairman	CP: Christopher Picone
AA: Alana Archangelo	

- 7:32 PM MD opened the meeting of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission under the MA Wetland Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, and in accordance with the Ashburnham Protection Bylaw and associated Rules and Regulations.
- 7:32 PM MD presented a **Determination of Negligible Impact** for **Robert and Elizabeth Thompson of 49 Hay Road, and David Cioffi and Rhonda Newman of 51 Hay Road** to pave their connected private driveways. MD conducted a site visit and determined that silt fencing would be needed at an area where there was a break in the natural berm between the two houses located on Stodge Meadow Pond. Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Cioffi were present at the meeting. The parties must notify the Commission before any work commences, which probably won't be until next spring.

CP made the motion to accept the DNI AA seconded Unanimously passed 3-0

7:43 PM MD opened the Hearing for the **Request for Determination of Applicability** for septic system improvements at **27 Stodge Road, filed by Mr. Ed Berry**, an agent for Nancy Evans, the property owner. The improvements will be within the 100 foot buffer zone of Stodge Meadow Pond. Mr. Berry was in attendance. The existing septic tank will be drained and filled in. The extension of the silt fence as shown on the plan was discussed and will be referenced in the Determination of Applicability. Mr. Berry noted that he would be meeting with the Board of Health to discuss the proposed septic improvements on December 1st.

CP moved to close the hearing. AA seconded Unanimously passed 3-0

CP moved to approve the RDA per planning discussions AA seconded Unanimously passed 3-0

7:55 PM MD opened the hearing for the **Notice of Intent for Ocrah Land Development LLC for 117 Main Street** for the demolition of an existing single family home and construction of a new single family home with the 200 foot Riverfront Area and the 100 foot buffer zone associated with Whitman River. Mr. Jim Harrison, the property owner, was present along with Mr. Tim Sullivan and Mr. Tim Beauchemin. P.E, the design engineer. The demolition of the existing home, the abandonment of the existing septic tank, installation of a new foundation and new house construction were discussed. It was noted that the footprint of the new structure will be smaller than the existing one and, although very close to the river, the project complied with the Riverfront Area provisions of the State Wetlands Protection Act regulations.

CP moved to close the hearing AA seconded Unanimously passed 3-0

CP moved to accept the NOI per plan and discussion. AA seconded Unanimously passed 3-0

8:04 PM MD presented a **Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 63 Murray Road** (Lot 4), filed by Mr. Christopher Mossman. Mr. Lance Korich, of Northeast Wood Design was present at the meeting regarding the septic system located within the 100 foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetative wetland. He stated everything was in order with regard to the septic system.

> CP moved to issued the Certificate of Compliance for 63 Murray Road AA seconded it Unanimously passed 3-0

AA moved to close the discussion CP seconded it Unanimously approved 3-0

8:20 PM MD presented a **Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 66 Lincoln Avenue for Cathryn Bebeau-Smith** (not present) regarding septic system repairs located within a 100 foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. A partial Certificate of Compliance was issued for the house on December 28, 2009, at which time the septic system was not complete. MD indicated that he had visited the site and confirmed that the site of the septic system was stabilized with vegetation.

> CP moved to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 66 Lincoln Avenue. AA seconded it Unanimously approved 3-0

8:25 PM MD presented a **Request for an Extension Order for Richard and Kristina Goguen of 5 Houde Avenue** for work pertaining to a dock. MD stated that the applicant had indicated that the previous Extension Order would expire in the near future; hence the filing of the request for another Extension Order. However, after discussion, it was discovered that, at least according to the information on file, the last Extension Order issued by the Commission was in June of 2005 and that it the original Notice of Intent application dated back to 1998. MD will attempt to contact the applicant to determine the status of their project and request evidence of a more recent and valid Extension Order.

Consideration of the Extension Order Request was continued until November 8, 2010 at 7:45 PM

8:40 PM MD reopened the meeting continued from October 12th regarding a request for an **Extension Order for Lot 6 Murray Road filed by Marcella Dodge**. This extension is subject to the MA Permit Extension Act and, as such, may be extended for an additional two years from the original expiration date which was May 15, 2010.

AA made the motion to approve the Order of Extension for Lot 6 Murray Road to May 15, 2012. CP seconded it Unanimously approved 3-0

Other Business:

New Correspondence: A new Notice of Intent was received from the Fitchburg Sportsman's Club at 289 Rindge Road to upgrade their septic system.

MD stated that he had received the Sand/Silt/Clay composition for the Fitchburg Sportsman's Club's wetland replacement project at the site of the new shooting range.

MD passed out the Sexual Harassment Policy and Procedures to the members of the Commission.

8:52 PM MD made a motion to adjourn CP seconded it Unanimously approved 3-0