

Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission

March 26, 2012

Present: MD: Marshall Dennis, Chairman

CP: Christopher Picone

AA: Alana Archangelo

6:33 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.

Request for a Certificate of Compliance for Renee and Bobby Boucher of 177 Cashman Hill Road is continued to April 9 since the Commission has not heard from them.

6:35 PM **Gary Howland of the Ashburnham Conservation Trust** was in attendance to give updates on various projects.

- Update on **Thoma Project**- the goal is to turn one section of the property into field before the Conservation Restriction goes into effect on May 15. They are still working on it- the bank is giving them some trouble as Sallie (Thoma) still has a small mortgage on the property. They did complete a clear marking of the exclusion area (pink area on provided map).
- **Bush Hill Property** – still needs to have marked boundaries before any cutting can commence. This is required by the state. It is similar to a survey and was supposed to have been done a long time ago but wasn't. **Noah Smith, the Eagle Scout candidate**, was informed that one project he was looking at, the Rail Trail, wouldn't be a suitable project, and the turtle habitat restoration was going to be worked on by a group of Franklin Pierce students. Doing work at Bush Hill might be a possibility for him. AA will let him know about this project and see if he is interested. The project would entail performing a trail expansion. Mr. Howland said the first half wouldn't be a big deal. The second half would be a significant job- perhaps taking two days to complete. There is a sign there that says no motorized vehicles but he would be granted permission for the project. MD thinks that permitting might be an issue. He and Mr. Howland will check it out. Noah may be able to do it with making a bridge.
- **Turtle Habitat Restoration on Young Road:** Neither Mr. Howland nor the Commission has heard from Jennifer Jones. The project will be filed as an NOI, not an RDA. The cost will exceed \$600.

7:10 PM CP- Motion to adjourn

MD- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

Respectfully submitted by Alana Archangelo, Member