

Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission

April 9, 2012

Present: MD: Marshall Dennis, Chairman

CP: Christopher Picone

AA: Alana Archangelo

6:35 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.

6:36 PM MD opened the public hearing for a **Request for a Determination of Applicability** pertaining to the replacement of an existing septic system within the 100 foot buffer zone for **Mike Tourigny of 35 Lower Naukeag Road** so that it will comply with Title 5. He will use the existing well for gardening or car washing. The Board of Health has already signed off on the project.

MD- Motion to close the public hearing and issue a negative DA as per plan and discussion

CP- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

MD- Motion to issue the DA for 35 Lower Naukeag Road for the replacement of a septic system within the 100 foot buffer zone

CP- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

The Commission signed the DA.

6:40 PM MD opened the public hearing for a **Request for Determination of Applicability** for the restoration of a field for **Sallie Thoma of 171 Willard Road**. Charles "Chuck" Kirousis, Sallie Thoma, and Gary Howland were all in attendance. MD inquired as to whether the stumps were being taken out of the wet area. Mr. Kirousis answered that all the trees in question were 2-3 inch diameter saplings and they would be using a backhoe or excavator. There is not much woody vegetation in that area anyway. MD stated that using either silt fencing or wattles would be fine for sediment control, then to seed it right after removing the vegetation and to try to minimize the heavy equipment in the wet area. Chuck said the work needs to be done within a month- before the May 15 closing.

MD- Motion to close the public hearing

CP- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

MD- Motion to issue a Negative DA per plan and discussion

CP- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

6:42 PM Moved by MD, seconded by CP, and voted 3-0 to enter into Executive Session to discuss the appraisal of the Willard Road property.

6:45 PM Moved by MD, seconded by CP, and voted 3-0 to end the Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting.

**Other Business:**

6:50 PM **Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 446 Ashby Road** owned by **Todd Fostine**. Tracy Morrill-Hay was in attendance representing the property owner. The CoC is for an electrical box that was placed on the property by New England Telephone in 1990. The owner is trying to sell #442 Ashby Road but this came up with the title search.

MD- Motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance

CP- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

The Commission signed the Certificate of Compliance

**Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 177 Cashman Hill Road** owned by **Renee and Bobby Boucher**. MD visited the site and the silt fencing and debris has been removed.

MD- Motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance

CP- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

The Commission signed the Certificate of Compliance

7:00 PM **Gary Howland** of the **Ashburnham Conservation Trust** was in attendance to update the Commission on several projects.

Kurt Leslie, a forester, was in attendance to speak about the future forest cutting at **Bush Hill Town Forest**. He will go around the perimeter of the property and mark the

boundaries. He will create a cutting plan and put plaques on the trees. He will be paid by the money made from the timber sales. He stated the proposal could be put in the mail tomorrow but searching the deed will take some time. Gary wondered if horses could be brought in to reduce the impact. Kurt said it would take a very long time to complete the job with horses and that would drive the profit down.

Gary updated the Commission about the **Bush Hill trail expansion** next. He has not heard from Noah Smith, the Eagle Scout candidate yet. AA said she would try to speak to him at school.

Mr. Howland stated there was no new information about the **Open Space and Recreation Plan**.

Gary told the Commission that Jen, the Franklin Pierce student who was working on the **turtle habitat** restoration project would be dropping the NOI off tomorrow and it will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

7:45 PM MD- Motion to adjourn

CP- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

Respectfully submitted by Alana Archangelo, Member, June 11, 2012