

**Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission**  
**December 10, 2012**

**Present:**

MD: Marshall Dennis, Chairman  
AA: Alana Archangelo  
CP: Christopher Picone  
MP: Maureen Pollock, Conservation Agent

**6:34 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 Wetlands Protection Bylaw and associated Rules and Regulations.

**6:48 PM**

MD opened the public hearing for **191 Lake Road (Map 13, Parcel 41), filed by David Christianson** for a **Notice of Intent** pertaining to the installation of a new septic system and site grading within the 100 feet buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. The NOI application indicates that the property is adjacent to a state listed species habitat. MESA regulations were reviewed and there is an exemption for "making right" of existing septic systems as long as it's in an existing disturbed area. Erosion control barriers to be installed should be straw bales with silt fencing. In the flat areas around the proposed project, silt fencing will be okay. MP and MD will do a site visit next Wednesday. Public hearing temporarily continued pending arrival of Mr. Christianson's consultant.

**Other Business**

Gary Howland of Ashburnham Conservation Trust was in attendance to discuss the Bush Hill Town Forest. Gary walked the property and mapped the 3.0 mile trail loop. Gary expressed the need to put a Forestry Plan out to bid. Gary provided a draft for Forestry Management Guidelines. Gary will set up the first Open Space and Recreation Plan meeting for some time in January of 2013. He will inform the Commission which date is selected.

**7:18 PM**

MD continued the public hearing for 191 Lake Road (Map 13, Parcel 41) filed by David Christianson regarding a Notice of Intent for the installation of a new septic system and site grading within the 100 foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland and adjacent to state listed rare species habitat. James Rheault of Whitman & Bingham now was in attendance representing the applicant. Prior to the Commission public hearing, Mr. Rheault noted that the Board of Health had approved the plan with minor changes. Revised plans will be sent to the Commission and to the MassDEP. The existing lawn area will be used for the system

MD-Move to close the public hearing  
CP-Seconded  
Unanimously passed 3-0

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MD-Move to issue the Order of Conditions per plan and discussion  
CP-Seconded  
Unanimously passed 3-0

**7:28 PM**

MD- Motion to adjourn  
AA- Seconded  
Unanimously passed 3-0