

Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission

January 9, 2012

Present: MD: Marshall Dennis, Chairman

CP: Christopher Picone

AA: Alana Archangelo

6:30 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 Wetland Protection Bylaw and associated Rules and Regulations.

6:35 PM MD opened the public hearing for the Notice of Intent filed by **Gary Shepherd of 35 Brown's Lake Road**, continued from December 12, 2011, pertaining to the demolition of the existing cabin and the construction of a single family home, private well, driveway, and gazebo within the 100 foot buffer zone. The following revisions were made to the original NOI:

- The construction entrance will have organic matter removed and a foot of 1"-2" crushed rock with geotextile fabric placed underneath.
- The footprint of the gazebo has been revised to hold the fireplace line and hook up to the existing cabin footprint
- The existing concrete pad will be removed
- The 18" diameter filter sock has been specified
- There will be selective clearing along the shore. Trees must be flagged and checked by Commission before removal

MD said the siltation barrier needs to be extended and asked if the circular driveway will remain. More stone may need to be added as the project proceeds so the entrance way does not become impassable. There was a Cease and Desist order filed by Lori Capone in 2010 regarding the property where vegetation was being removed but MD said since then the vegetation has grown back. Abutters and neighbors say the road is wet now where it was not before. They claim the lake is below normal levels but the road remains wet. MD stated the water table is low. There is a concern that water will be trapped in the road and not have a way to drain into the lake. MD also requested the dock, which is removable, be moved towards the concrete pad. Abutters feel the road has been altered and the wetlands have been filled.

CP- Motion to close the public hearing for 35 Brown's Lake Road

AA- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

CP- Motion to accept NOI per plan and discussion

MD- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

The property owner, AJ, of 794 Pearl Street will receive the NOI

7:20 PM CP- Motion to adjourn

AA- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

Respectfully submitted by Alana Archangelo, Member