

Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission

February 13, 2012

Present: MD: Marshall Dennis, Chairman

CP: Christopher Picone

AA: Alana Archangelo

6:32 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 Wetland Protection Bylaw and associated Rules and Regulations.

Other Business:

Mr. Russ Wilson was present representing **Renee and Bobby Boucher** regarding a Request for a **Certification of Compliance** for work completed five years ago at **177 Cashman Hill Road** (Map 19, Parcel 52B). In December of 2004 Mr. Wilson constructed a driveway and put in a culvert. Approximately 135 square feet of fill was put in place at the property. The original NOI filed with the Commission stated there would be a replication area at the site where the area was cleared for the driveway. MD visited the site and could not find an area of replication; neither could Mr. Wilson. The Commission can not issue a Certification of Compliance if part of the approved work is not complete. It was decided that the contractor, Mr. Simona, should be contacted to see if the work was done. Mr. Wilson will do this, and the Conservation Commission will check on the meeting minutes from November 2004 because one set of plans (labeled "old") shows the replication area but the one filed with the NOI does not show the replication area. MD continued the hearing until February 27th at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Noah Smith was present to discuss a potential **Eagle Scout** town project. He is interested in performing work for the Rail Trail Committee- perhaps installing footbridges over the marshy areas on the trail. The Conservation Committee needs to see the site he is interested in. MD will show Noah the area Saturday morning at 10 am.

Mr. Gary Howland was in attendance representing the **Ashburnham Conservation Trust** to give the Commission updates on various projects. There is no update on the Open Space and Recreation Plan. Regarding the Sallie Thoma Conservation Restriction project, Mr. Howland stated the Ashburnham Conservation Trust will pay \$7,000 and Mount Grace will pay \$18,000 both of which would be reimbursed. Mr. Howland stated the Commission needs to get the Purchase and Sale in front of the Board of Selectmen as soon as possible. MD said he will get the information to Mr. Briggs. Mr. Howland also brought up a parcel of land on Lake Watatic (Map 56 Lot 1) that he would like to ensure the Conservation Commission has in its care and custody. MD inquired about the Franklin Pierce student who had appeared before the Commission regarding the restoration of turtle habitat. Mr. Howland stated that she was still drafting the Notice of Intent.

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the following meetings:

May 9, 2011 without edits

June 13, 2011 with minor edits

September 26, 2011 with minor edits

October 11, 2011 with minor edits

December 12, 2011 with minor edits

MD- Motion to approve minutes as edited.

CP- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

7:25 PM CP- Motion to adjourn

MD- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

Respectfully submitted by Alana Archangelo, Member