

Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission

June 25, 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.

Other Business:

The following 2012 minutes were reviewed: February 13, February 27, March 26, April 9, April 23, and May 14.

MD- Motion to approve minutes with edits

CP- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

6:45 PM MD opened public hearing for **Robert Chadwick** of **26 Blueberry Road** for a Notice of Intent for an upgrade of a septic system for an existing house within 100 feet of Sunset Lake. Kevin Horgan from GRAZ Engineering was in attendance. The plans prepared by Mr. Horgan show that the proposed septic tank plan keeps the tank as far away from the lake as possible. The plans had not received the variance yet from the Board of Health. MD requested clarification on a "Mafari reinforced silt fence". Mr. Horgan explained that it was a regular wooden stake and silt fence. MD asked if Mr. Horgan had a DEP number yet for the project and he replied that he did not, but he had filed for one on June 12.

MD- Motion made to close the public hearing for 26 Blueberry Road.

CP- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

MD- Motion made to issue an Order of Conditions as soon as a DEP File # is received.

CP- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

Other Business:

- MD reported that he had heard back from Jamie Rheault regarding the Meissner property on Main Street. According to Mr. Rheault, the Conservation Commission does have the option to waive the wetland replication, but he (JR) is still in discussion with the DEP regarding the pathway.
- MD received the **Forestry Management Plan proposal for Bush Hill**. It has not gone to the Select Board yet.

MD- Motion to approve the request of support for the Bush Hill Forest Management Plan dated June 25, 2012.

CP- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

- Gary Howland was present regarding the placing of 2 kiosks on Mount Watatic, one near the entrance by Bennett Road in Ashby and the other at the intersection of the Midstate Trail and Wapack Trail. The land is part of the 280 acre Mount Watatic Reservation Property and Mr. Howland was requesting that the Conservation Commission pay for half of the materials for the project. The amount would be approximately \$200.

CP- Motion made to approve the expenditure of \$200 for the Ashburnham half of the materials for the project.

MD- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

- Mr. Howland gave an update on the project proposed by **Noah Smith, an Eagle Scout candidate**. His project has been approved by the Scouts. MD has not heard from him. Mr. Howland requested that the Commission pay for 50 reflective blue trail markers for the project with the estimated cost of \$0.76 each. These signs need to be ordered from Voss Signs soon, as his project needs to be completed by the end of September.

CP- Motion made to approve the expenditure for up to \$50 for trail markers.

MD- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

- Mr. Howland updated the Commission on the OSRP. He wanted to know if there is a date the Commission would agree to have Melissa Cryan come and review the plan. MD stated that it can't be before July 9, but it could be during the day.

- Mr. Howland updated the Commission on the **Thoma Property**. The state and federal agency have everything they need, so they are simply waiting for the federal agency release the funds to the state, who will be wiring it to the town for Friday.

It was decided that there would be no meeting on July 9, 2012.

7:28 PM CP- Motion made to adjourn

MD- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

Respectfully submitted by Alana Archangelo, Member

August 12, 2012