

**Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission
August 13, 2012**

Present:

MD: Marshall Dennis, Chairman
AA: Alana Archangelo

Absent:

CP: Christopher Picone

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 Wetlands Protection Bylaw and associated Rules and Regulations.

6:31 PM

MD opened the public hearing for a **Request for a Determination of Applicability** pertaining to the demolition and reconstruction of single family home on existing footprint within the buffer/riverfront area for **T. Michael Murphy of 20 Fitchburg Road**. Brian J. Murphy was in attendance. MD inquired as to whether they have a demolition permit yet. Mr. Murphy answered that they have not yet obtained demo permit. The old silt fencing and rotting bales are still on the property. New, re-established silt fencing has been installed around the old foundation. The Commission noted that the silt fence needed to be extended into the hill in the back of the property. MD highlighted the new erosion silt line on the submitted plan. MD and AA initialed the plan change, as did Mr. Murphy. Mr. Murphy handed in green cards. Mr. Mark Therriault, an abutter of 14 Fitchburg Road was present.

MD- Motion to close the Public Hearing for 20 Fitchburg Road
AA- Seconded
Unanimously passed 2-0

MD- Motion to approve the RDA per plan and discussion.
AA- Seconded
Unanimously passed 2-0

7:00 PM

MD opened the public hearing for a **Request for a Determination of Applicability** pertaining to the construction of a farmer's porch (6' x 12' with roof) in floodplain for **Suellen Buchanan of 117 South Main Street**. Zoel Collette was present as a representative for Ms. Buchanan. Zoel Collette has already spoken about the porch with the Building Inspector, Richard Reynolds. The farmer's porch will have 3 sonnet tube posts, 2 feet of silt fencing out beyond the house, 20 feet of silt fencing along the waterfront, and 20 feet of silt fencing into the lot (yard). MD sketched the proposed silt fence line onto the plan. MD and AA initialed the plan change, as did Mr. Collette.

MD- Motion to close the Public Hearing for 117 South Main Street
AA- Seconded
Unanimously passed 2-0

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MD- Motion to approve the RDA per plan and discussion.

AA- Seconded

Unanimously passed 2-0

Other Business:

The Commission signed the Order of Conditions for 355 Rindge Turnpike Road, Map 71 Parcel 13, DEP # 092-0324.

The Commission signed the Sexual Harassment Policy.

Gary Howland was present representing the Ashburnham Conservation Trust (ACT). Gary presented the Conservation Restriction Memorandum of Agreement field copy for the Sallie Thoma property. A copy of the Memorandum of Agreement will be handed to CP (CP will be conducting the annual CR monitoring). MD signed the Memorandum of Agreement.

Gary did not have an update for the Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP).

7:38 PM

MD- Motion to adjourn

AA- Seconded

Unanimously passed 2-0