

Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission
November 19, 2012

Present:

MD: Marshall Dennis, Chairman

CP: Christopher Picone

AA: Alana Archangelo

Special Meeting of Third Monday of the Month

6:36 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 Protection Bylaw and associated Rules and Regulations.

6:45 PM

MD opened the Public Hearing continued from October 22 pertaining to a **Notice of Intent** pertaining to the upgrade of a failing sewage disposal system for an existing residence within the Riverfront Area and Buffer Zone **for Charles and Helen Collins of 40 Ashby Road**. Mr. Neil Gorman and Mr. Collins were present. CP and AA visited the site on October 12 with Neil Gorman. Mr. Gorman presented the Commission with a letter regarding the challenge of flood storage replication at this site. MD stressed that the flood insurance for the town may be affected negatively if this action becomes commonplace, but in this instance a wetland would be destroyed in order to replicate flood storage. There was a conference call between the lawyers of the Collins and their abutting neighbors, Nancy Rivard and Bill Karhan, as well the judge in the case. The boundary line between the properties has been established and agreed upon by both property owners. Mr. Gorman has already spoken to the Board of Health.

MD- Motion to close the Public Hearing for 40 Ashby Road

CP- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

MD- Motion to prepare an Order of Conditions for the septic system upgrade

CP- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

7:00 PM

MD opened the Public Hearing for a **Notice of Intent** pertaining to the installation of a septic system upgrade and site grading within the 100 foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland for **Paula Gorrell at 14 Houde Avenue**. Mr. Christopher Mackenzie was present representing Whitman and Bingham. Since the site is flat, MD stated that no straw bales would be necessary, only silt fencing. He also suggested hydroseeding the area so germination might occur before the ground hardens. Otherwise, a blanket or some other mechanism for keeping the disturbed soil from washing away needed to be done.

MD- Motion to close the Public Hearing for 14 Houde Avenue

CP- Seconded

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Unanimously passed 3-0

MD- Motion to issue Order of Conditions for 14 Houde Avenue per plan and discussion

CP- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

Other Business:

Mr. Gary Howland of Ashburnham Conservation Trust was on the agenda but was not present.

MD updated the Commission on the hiring of the new Conservation Agent, Maureen Pollock. The new agent will start on Monday, December 10.

7:11 PM

MD- Motion to adjourn

AA- Seconded

Unanimously passed 3-0

Respectfully submitted by Alana Archangelo, Conservation Commission Member,
December 10, 2012