

Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission
April 22, 2013

Present: MD: Marshall Dennis, Chairman
CP: Christopher Picone
AH: Andrew Henderson
MP: Maureen Pollock, Conservation Agent

6:50 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.

6:50 PM 5 Shamrock Lane. Continued from April 8.

ZBA approved the revised plan, which switched the location of the house and septic system. The revision includes the same footprint, and no real change in erosion controls. Strawbales will be changed to silt fence alone.

MD: Motion to close the hearing. CP: Second. Passed 3-0

MD: Motion to approve the NOI per plan and discussion. CP: Second. Passed 3-0

Other business

- Request for CoC, National Grid on Turnpike Rd. and Williams Rd., from 1997. MD has checked the site, and it is stable. MD: Motion to issue the CoC; CP seconded. Passed 3-0.
- Bush Hill Management Plan. We need help with this process. Gary Howland will arrange to bring in a state service forester for advice at a future meeting.
- Watatic Management Committee. CP will be appointed by the BoS as the official "alternate" for the Conservation Commission. The acting member of this Management Committee is Loraine Desouza.
- Potential violation was discussed at 238 Lake Road, constructing an addition and deck without permit. A letter has been sent.
- Railroad will be spraying herbicide. No NOI is required. (*But why not, if near a wetland? Not in my notes.*)
- Stodge Meadow Association asked about an automatic extension of their OoC. (e-mail sent). MD will check into it.
- Site visit: 21 Island Rd for a shed. Owner just needs to clarify if the shed is on blocks (DNI is fine) or on slab or sono tubes (requiring a DoA if applicable).
- Site visit: 16 Indian Pt. Drive. A DoA will be needed for a garage. He can wrap silt fence up the property line. The garage will be by the road, not the lake.
- Complaint for 492 Winchendon Rd. Trash is being dumped and carried away by water. Maureen Pollock (the Conservation Agent) and MD will observe the problem and issue a clean up order.
- MD met with Chuck Caron and Chris Mossman regarding a potential funeral home on River St. Conversion from residential to commercial use will require tougher stormwater standards. The new business will need to apply for a large number of parking spaces.

7:40 PM MD- Motion to adjourn
CP- Seconded
Passed 3-0

Respectfully submitted by Chris Picone, Member