

Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission
May 13, 2013

Present:

MD: Marshall Dennis, Chairman
CP: Christopher Picone, Member
AH: Andrew Henderson, Member

Absent

AA: Alana Archangelo, Member

MP: Maureen Pollock, Conservation Agent

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.

Other Business

MD opened the informational meeting for **60 Murray Road (Map 18, Parcel 5A), filed by Margaret Sisson** regarding a **Notice of Intent** for the construction of approximately 13,450 solar panel arrays with associated drainage, grading, and access drives within the 100' buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands. James Rheault of Whitman & Bingham was in attendance of the meeting to present the project. Mr. Rheault explained that the proposed solar project will need to cut large trees in order to eliminate shade. The proposed project is confined to 3 gigawatts (3,000 megawatts). MD requested that alternatives be addressed that minimized encroachment into the buffer zone.

6:55 PM

MD opened the public hearing for **164 Sherbert Road (Map 51, Parcel 18), filed by Lawrence Leblanc** regarding a **Request for Determination of Applicability** for the proposed construction of a country porch and deck within the 100' buffer zone. David and Beth Wojnas, representatives for the property owners were present at the hearing. David explained the proposed project will include twelve 2 x 2 footings with sonnet tubes due the sandy soil.

MD- Moved to close the Public Hearing
CP- Seconded
Unanimously passed 3-0

MD- Move to issue Order of Condition per plan and discussion
CP- Seconded
Unanimously passed 3-0

7:03 PM

MD opened the public hearing for **180 Winchendon Road (Map 14, Parcel 22A), filed by Sara & Bradford Weatherbee** regarding a **Notice of Intent** for the proposed construction of a single-family house and new sewage disposal system

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within the 100' buffer zone. Sara & Bradford Weatherbee were present at the public hearing.

MD- Moved to close the Public Hearing
CP- Seconded
Unanimously passed 3-0

MD- Move to issue Order of Condition per plan and discussion
CP- Second
Unanimously passed 3-0

7:16 PM

MD opened the public hearing for **19 Stodge Drive (Map 67, Parcel 16), filed by Bryan & Kristin LeBlanc** regarding a **Notice of Intent** for the proposed construction of an addition to an existing single family house, enlargement of the septic system, and relocation of some well water lines, with activities being within the 100' buffer zone. Chris Mossman of Trowbridge Engineering was present to represent the property owners. Mr. Mossman asked the Commission for a continuation to the public hearing due to Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) issues. He agreed to email MP to formally request a continuation.

MD- move to continue the hearing to June 10, 2013 at 7:00 PM

Other Business

MP- **Request for Certificate of Compliance – 196 Cashman Hill Road (Map 19, Parcel 47D)**. MP visited the site on May 13, 2013, and the property has been seeded and the soil been stabilized with grass growing in. The motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance was unanimously approved.

MP- Ashburnham will be regulated for the upcoming **EPA Phase II MS4s** regulations expected to be announced in fall of 2013. Polluted stormwater runoff is commonly transported via Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s), from which it is often discharged untreated into local water bodies. To prevent harmful pollutants from being washed or dumped into an MS4, operators must obtain a NPDES permit and develop a stormwater management program.

MP- The **2nd Statewide Open Space Conference** will be held at Oakmont Regional High School on Saturday, June 8th from 10AM-3PM. The event is designed for municipal volunteers involved in open space protection.

7:40 PM

MD- Motion to adjourn
AA- Seconded
Unanimously passed 3-0

Respectfully submitted by Alana Archangelo, Conservation Commission Member, May 13, 2013.