

Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission
July 8, 2013

Present: CP: Christopher Picone, Acting Chairman
AA: Alana Archangelo
AH: Andrew Henderson

Absent: MD: Marshall
Dennis, Chairman

6:30 PM

CP 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.

Other Business

Bush Hill Conservation Area

Richard Valcourt Sr. and Richard Valcourt Jr., licensed foresters from “Green” Natural Resource Management, met with the Commission to gain information and express an interest in the Bush Hill Forest Cutting Plan. Gary Howland from the ACT was also present. Kurt Leslie, who is considering retirement, had mentioned the project to the Valcourts.

CP reviewed the needs of the Commission, including a Forest Management Plan and that a Stewardship Plan had to be completed by 2016. Commission goals also included getting the perimeter marked, starting sustainable forestry and developing the Stewardship Plan in increments over the next three years. The Commission agreed to send Gary Howland a copy of the Fee Agreement for “Green” Natural Resources.

It also was requested that Chuck Caron (Caron Environmental and forester) be added to the next meeting agenda as he wasn’t able to attend the current meeting.

Camp Winnikeag

Camp Winnikeag – AH discussed the possibility of having the Commission walk the site where the Southern Conference is proposing to cross a wetland to access a site on which they would like to build a small lodge. Jamie Rheault, consultant to Camp Winnikeag, was not in attendance.

CP asked that Maureen Pollock (Agent) set up a time for the walk.

CP invoked the Rule of Necessity for voting on the minutes.

CP made a Motion for acceptance of the minutes as edited for October 9, 2012 and December 10, 2012.

AA seconded the motion.

CP and AA passed the motion with AH abstaining since he was not a member of the Commission on those dates.

7:54 PM CP- Motion to adjourn
AA- Seconded
Unanimously Passed 3-0

Respectfully submitted by Chris Picone, ACC Member