

Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission
August 26, 2013

Present: MD: Marshall Dennis, Chairman Absent: None
 CP Christopher Picone
 AA Alana Archangelo
 AH Andrew Henderson

5:25 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.

5:30 PM

Interview for Conservation Agent's Position

The Commission interviewed Richard Turcotte for the position of Conservation Agent. Mary Ellen Kelly sat in on the interview.

5:55 PM

Other business.

The Commission reviewed the revised plans for the solar array project on Murray Road. The plans were revised on August 16, 2013

6:00 PM

Interview for Conservation Agent's Position

The Commission interviewed Corey Godfrey for the position of Conservation Agent.

MD made a motion to advance the job application of Richard Turcotte to the Town Administrator.

AH seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously, 4-0.

6:36 PM

Bush Hill Stewardship Plan – Gary Howland from the Ashburnham Conservation Trust (ACT) and Michael Barry from Bay State Forestry Services were in attendance regarding the Bush Hill Stewardship Plan for Stand 12 (65.6 acres) which is due in 2016.

Also discussed were Cuts 13, 14 back to the field, 15 (apple orchard), 16 and 17. The entire boundary needs to be marked but ACT will do most of this task by themselves.

7:05 PM

Notice of Intent – 122 Byfield Road (Map 41, Parcel 10). MD opened the public hearing for a proposed septic system upgrade, with work to be conducted within the Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland associated with Marble Pond. Fredrick Ojanen representing the Ojanen Family Trust and Kevin Horgan of Graz Engineering were present.

The system has been approved by the Board of Health. Following limited discussion:

MD motioned to close the public hearing.

CP seconded.

The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

MD motioned to approve the plans and issue an Order of Conditions for the septic system upgrade.

CP seconded.

The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Other Business

53 Central Street – homeowner inquiring about fencing in a yard that may be near wetlands. MD advised the prospective applicant that the filing of a Request For Determination of Applicability may be the most appropriate form of application, but that this would require abutter notifications under the Town’s Wetland Protection Bylaw.

7:36 PM

MD made a motion to adjourn.

CP seconded the motion.

The motion was passed unanimously, 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by Marshall W. Dennis, Chairman