Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission
September 9, 2013

Present: **Absent**
MD: Marshall Dennis (MD), Chairman   AA: Alana Archangelo (AA), Member
CP: Christopher Picone (CP), Member
AH: Andrew Henderson (AH), Member

6:35 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.

The Commission discussed several potential small changes to the Town Wetlands By-Law. For example, it was agreed that abutter notifications were not really necessary for RDA applications. Alternatively, the regulations might only require "Notifications of Mailing", which are substantially less costly than the Certified/Return Receipt Requested 'green cards'. Once all potential changes are compiled, the Commission will hold a public hearing to receive community input.

6:47 PM

MD opened the Public Hearing for **16 Lakeshore Drive** for a Notice of Intent pertaining to the construction of a new (Presby) septic system. The owner was represented by Chris Mossman of Trowbridge Engineering. MD stated that, prior to the hearing, he spoke with Mr. Mossman to explain that the submitted plans did not show the required 100-foot buffer zone of an existing isolated vegetated wetland (IVW) on the property. Accordingly, revised plans denoting the IVW buffer were submitted by Mr. Mossman at the hearing.

MD- Motion to close the hearing.
CP- Seconded
Unanimously passed

MD- Motion to approve the NOI and issue an Order of Conditions per plan and discussion.
CP- Seconded
Unanimously passed

Other items

- The new Conservation Agent (Richard Turcotte) will begin on Tuesday September 10th. His hours will be 8:30-5 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Next meeting will be on a Tuesday (September 24th), commencing at 6:15 if a discussion with Chuck Caron regarding forestry management at Bush Hill can be arranged.

6:58 PM

MD- Motion to adjourn
CP- Seconded
Unanimously passed