Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission July 28, 2014

Present: MD: Marshall Dennis Absent: None

AA Alana Archangelo CP Christopher Picone AH Andrew Henderson

6:45 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.

6:46 PM

Notice of Intent, 110 West Shore Dr., (Map 45, Parcel 12) DEP File # 092-0896: Doug Smith represented the applicant Tim Zantow. The project is the installation of a sub-surface waste system within the Buffer Zone for Sunset Lake. The work is needed to meet Title V requirements.

CP asked if they would be using wattles or silt-fence.

MD stated suggested they should overlap the ends of wattles not but them and use extra stakes to insure they are tight to the ground.

MD moved to close the hearing.

CP seconded.

Approved 4-0, unanimously.

MD moved that an Order of Conditions be issued per the plan and discussion.

CP seconded.

Approved 4-0, unanimously.

7:00 PM

Request For Determination, Saari Camp Rd. (Map 12, Parcel 15 & 16): filed by Alice Stahl for work on a Saari Camp Road. Alice Stahl and Gary Labell were present representing the residents of Saari Camp, Ash and Kelly Roads. They were looking to replace an existing culvert for an intermittent stream on Saari Camp Road that results in road flooding and icing in the winter. Minor excavation will be needed in order to remove the existing and partially collapsed culvert. Rich inspected it and suggests the small amount of fill will result in a slight speed bump.

MD felt that the original pipe was approximately 8 inches and they should try to match it. This would keep the grade as close to the original, limiting the amount of fill as much as possible and not placing the culvert deeper than the original.

Wattles should be used to protect from any possible erosion and still allow turtle passage as this area is an acknowledged turtle habitat.

MD moved to close the hearing.

CP seconded.

Approved 4-0, unanimously.

MD moved that a Negative Determination #2 be issued.

CP seconded.

Approved 4-0, unanimously.

7:20 PM

Notice of Intent, 73 West Shore Dr., (Map 45, Parcel 49 & 50) DEP File # 092-0897:

Kevin Horgan from Graz Engineering represented Ronald Day. The project is for the building of a single family home and driveway within the Buffer Zone of a BVW for Sunset Lake.

Two lots have been combined for this project.

MD moved to close the hearing.

CP seconded.

Approved 4-0, unanimously.

MD moved that an Order of Conditions be issued per the plan.

CP seconded.

Approved 4-0, unanimously.

Other Business

Gary Howland came before the Commission representing the Ashburnham Conservation Trust (ACT). He updated the Commission on the preparations for a Public Meeting for the Open Space And Recreation Plan, CP will help facilitate the meeting.

Also the Bush Hill Cutting Plan is waiting for a contract.

Gary also asked the Commission about some work ACT would like to do at Broadhurst Point. They would like to make an area that is more accessible to swimmers. One idea would be to place washed stone approximately ½ inch in size in the water in an area 4 feet out from the shore and about 20 feet wide. Work would be done by hand.

MD said they couldn't waive the fee since it is not town land.

If the project is filed as a RDA then there would be no state fee or town fee other than the \$50 local filing fee and they could still notify abutters.

<u>Cetificates of Compliance</u>

30 Fairview Ave. – The Con-Com Agent checked the site on July 22nd and everything appears in order, a COC is recommended.

MD moved that an Order of Conditions be issued per the plan.

CP seconded.

Approved 4-0, unanimously.

80 Winding Cove Rd. - The Con-Com Agent checked the site on July 22nd and everything appears in order, a COC is recommended.

MD moved that an Order of Conditions be issued per the plan.

CP seconded.

Approved 4-0, unanimously.

Determination of Negligible Impact

The Con-Com Agent issued a DNI for 106 West Shore Drive, the applicant would like to remove a dying tree.

The Con-Com Agent issued a DNI for 24 Blueberry Hill Rd., the applicant would like to do some minor landscaping work.

A report for Sunset Lake Herbacide Treatment was received, treatment ids scheduled for July 1st.

A Certificate of Insurance was received from Valcourt & Valcourt for the work on Bush Hill.

8:02 PM

MD moved to adjourn the meeting.

CP seconded.

Approved 4-0, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Richard Turcotte, Conservation Agent