

Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission
May 13, 2014

Present: MD: Marshall Dennis
AA Alana Archangelo
CP Christopher Picone

Absent: AH Andrew Henderson

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.

6:32 PM

Other Business:

Noah Crispi from GRD Solar and Wesley Flis from Whitman & Bingham representing the solar project on Murray Rd. met with the Commission to discuss erosion issues and concerns for the project. It was reported that since the issuance of an Enforcement Order, the swale has been cleaned and is to be completed by the end of next week. Matting (straw) will be used on the storm ditch, they are currently raking, matting and hydro seeding the area for stabilization. Matting is being installed on the leading edges of the basin along with cleaning it.

MD stated they should have an adequate supply of erosion control material on site.

They stated that S&M Farms (there erosion control specialist) sorted the site out within 24 hours of the storm event. Noah Crispi is generally there from 9 to 6, Monday thru Friday. He showed the Commission a cell phone photo of the site as of today.

Rich Turcotte has stated concern with the ice berm that formed after the storm and further impacts downstream from the site.

They will bring in a Wetland Specialist if need be to check the impacts.

MD asked if the sediment on the road had been cleaned up, Noah said that it had.

6:46 PM

Notice of Intent, 0 Stodge Meadow Pond Rd., (Map 69, Parcel 15) DEP File # 092-0895: the applicant Raymond Goff was present and addressed the Commission, he would like to remove an existing boathouse and pump house as well as build a new storage shed within the Buffer Zone of Stodge Meadow Pond. The new storage shed will be in the general area of the existing pump house. The boat house will be removed by hand, silt-fence erosion controls will be used near areas of disturbance.

A contractor will be used for removal of the pump house and pouring of a concrete slab for the new shed. Wood chips and grass will be used to cover the area of the former boat house.

MD asked for more details regarding the exact location of the storage shed and its size and that the erosion controls location be noted on the plan.

MD moved to close the hearing.
CP seconded.
Approved 3-0, unanimously.

MD moved that an Order of Conditions be issued per the plan and discussion.
CP seconded.
Approved 3-0, unanimously.

7:13 PM

Request For Determination, filed by the Town of Ashburnham for work on water mains located in the area of South Main, Bray and Holden Streets.

Steve Nims from the Ashburnham DPW was present for the Town to discuss the scope of work being planned. The work will include installation of a water main over the box culvert for the Whitman River located on South Main St., On Bray Ave. near Williams Rd. it will consist of an insulated pipe about 1 foot deep. The balance of the work will be within the streets and outside any Buffer Zone or Resource Area.

Bid opening is scheduled for 6/5/2014 with construction to begin on 6/26/2014.

MD moved to close the hearing.
CP seconded.
Approved 3-0, unanimously.

MD moved that a Negative Determination #2 be issued.
CP seconded.
Approved 3-0, unanimously.

Other Business

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 9th as May 26th is the Memorial Day Holiday.

7:39 PM

MD moved to adjourn the meeting.
CP seconded.
Approved 4-0, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Richard Turcotte, Conservation Agent