

**Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission
June 9, 2014**

Present: MD: Marshall Dennis
AH Andrew Henderson
AA Alana Archangelo
CP Christopher Picone

Absent:None

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.

Other Business

J.R. Briggs Elementary School

MD met with representatives of Consigli, the contractor for Briggs Elementary School, they have requested a partial Certificate of Compliance for the site.

MD noted that there are still wood-frog eggs on the site, however for the most part once the check dams are removed the site has mostly grown in.

CP felt that there may be an intermittent stream flow there, where there wasn't one before. The Commission will not issue a complete COC until all the issues are resolved but may issue a partial COC. They would be happy to receive a partial COC at this time.

MD moved to issue a Partial Certificate of Compliance for the J. R. Briggs Elementary School at 96 Williams Rd. to the Town of Ashburnham.

CP seconded the motion.

Approved 4-0, unanimously.

Bush Hill Forestry

MD notified the Valcourts to meet with the Commission on the 23rd at 6:30 PM.

Ashburnham Conservation Trust (ACT)

Gary Howland and Cece Snow of the ACT met with the Commission

- An update was given on the turtle nesting project at Bluefield Conservation Area.
- Broadhurst Point, MD, AA and AH will tour the area in order to give feedback on proposed beach stabilization work.
- A property on Ferin Rd. adjacent to Broadhurst Point is being donated to ACT, an open NOI exist on the property and it has been logged in the past 3 years. The Commission will look into the existing NOI.

Lake Winnekeag

Bill Weatherby came before the Commission to discuss what he felt were concerns about the lake. There isn't a lake association for Lake Winnekeag and he feels some things need to be done. Stowell Rd. and the dam are owned by Munksoo Paper, it was last inspected by the State in 1998 and determined to be in fair condition. Residents typically take care of the dam, mowing the grass and regulating the flashboards. Rip Rap needs to be augmented and there is a fence around the area.

Beavers are a problem, altering the height of the dam.
The training wall by Camp Split Rock is in poor condition.
Piles of debris from the beavers needs to be chipped.
Beaver have started a dam below the Winnekeag Dam diverting the stream.
Mr. Weatherby asked if the Commission could put some pressure on Munksoo to address the issues. He has contacted them but they do not return his calls. He has spoken to Mr. Briggs and asked him to contact them at their office in Leominster.

MD and AH plan to meet with Mr. Weatherby on Friday at 2 PM to view the site.

7:30 PM

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

Respectfully submitted by Richard Turcotte, Conservation Agent