

Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission
October 27, 2014

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

Absent: AH Andrew Henderson

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.

6:35 PM

Request For Determination, 44 Bluefield Road, filed by Lawrence Spering, who was present, for an addition to an existing home within the Buffer Zone of Sunset Lake. The Conservation Agent visited the site which is relatively flat and the work is located at the outer edge of the Buffer Zone. A silt-fence erosion control is recommended.

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

MD moved to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability #3, that the work is within a Buffer Zone but will not alter an area subject to protection.

CP seconded.

Approved 3-0, unanimously.

6:45 PM

Notice Of Intent for 32 Lakeshore Drive, filed by Eric & Trisha Traffie. Chris Guida from Fieldstone Land Consultants was present to represent the applicants. The filing was for the construction of a single family home within the Buffer Zone of Watatic Lake. The site is relatively flat and the septic system is located outside of the Buffer Zone. The site has town water and a shared driveway is existing. Clearing of the lot is necessary but they will try to leave as much of the trees as is possible.
Abutters present were Bob King and Ken & Marie Mullen.

Questions were raised:

There is a water discharge on the property from a perforated pipe and a trench had been installed by the applicants. Concerns were raised about the possibility of impacts from the leach field through the pipe and into the lake.

Concerns were also raised about how the property percolation test passed when it had failed on previous attempts.

Mr. Guida stated that the Percolation Test was done in Nov. 2013 and if any drainage structure (e.g. pipe) was encountered while installing the leach field, it will be removed.

MD moved to continue the hearing pending a site visit since there were questions raised that are difficult to address from viewing the plan. The site visit will be made on Friday Oct. 31, at 3:00 PM and the hearing will be continued to November 10 at 6:45 PM.

CP seconded.

Approved 3-0, unanimously.

7:15 PM

Notice Of Intent for 12 Sunset Drive, filed by Stacy & Robert Mateusky for the repair of a stone wall, landscaping and tree removal within the Buffer Zone for Sunset Lake.

Mr. Mateusky stated he would like to thicken the existing stone wall as it is falling into the lake and remove some hazardous trees.

MD moved to continue the hearing pending a site visit. The site visit will be made on Friday Oct. 31, at 4:15 PM and the hearing will be continued to November 10 at 6:45 PM.

CP seconded.

Approved 3-0, unanimously.

7:30 PM

Amendment to an Order Of Conditions (DEP File # 029-0822) for Stodge Meadow Dam. Bob Gingras and Dennis Maguy were present to represent the Stodge Meadow Association and request an amendment allowing the replacement of the culverts carrying the flow from the spillway under Stodge Meadow Road. The existing corrugated pipe will be replaced with a PVC pipe under the direction of an Engineer (Chris Mossman). The work will be done during the draw-down of the pond. The Commission will be notified of any changes to the plan.

Alana Archangelo stated for the record that she is a member of the Stodge Meadow Association.

MD moved to close the hearing.

CP seconded.

Approved 3-0, unanimously.

MD moved to make an Amendment to the existing Order Of Conditions to include the submitted plan and work proposed.

CP seconded.

Approved 3-0, unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Requests For Certificate Of Compliance;

MD moved to issue two partial COC's for 32 Whitney Dr. (Lot 15) DEP File # 092-0385 and 092-0755.

CP seconded.

Approved 3-0, unanimously.

MD moved to issue a COC for 80 Rindge Turnpike Rd. DEP File # 092-0799.
CP seconded.
Approved 3-0, unanimously.

MD moved to issue a COC for 135 Russell Hill Rd. DEP File # 092-0880.
CP seconded.
Approved 3-0, unanimously.

Enforcement Order for 154 & Lot 4 Ashby Rd.

The Commission discussed the violation that occurred and the communications between the parties involved.

8:15 PM

MD moved to adjourn the meeting.
CP seconded.
Approved 3-0, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Richard Turcotte, Conservation Agent