

**Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission**  
**March 23, 2015**

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

**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.

**6:38 PM Notice Of Intent, Lot 1 Wilker Rd (Map 39, part of Lot 15)** For the construction of a single family home within the Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Chris McKenzie, of W&B represented the owner M. Sisson. MD also acknowledged that M. Sisson is a neighbor of his. Abutters present = Dave Whitney and Bonnie Leary, both on Wilker Rd.

Discussion of ANR lot application, which will be sent as part of the application.

We will need the following:

- A site visit after thaw.
- A consolidated map of the whole site (Lot 1, Lot 2 and the driveway crossing.) with wetlands and replication area in context.
- wetland delineation data sheets from Matt.
- Confirmation that the site does not meet criteria for isolated land subject to flooding. That can be done by topographic analysis (CM preferred), or by measuring flood levels this spring. What is the lowest point of the vernal pool
- A professional analysis of the potential vernal pool on the wetland on the property (between Lots 1-2). Is this a certifiable vernal pool, and are there any endangered species in it? We may need to protect a larger track of forest for upland habitat.

MD moved to continue the hearing to April 13, 6:35 PM.

AH seconded.

Approved 4-0, unanimously

**6:55 PM Notice Of Intent, Lot 2 Wilker Rd (Map 39, part of Lot 15)** For the construction of a single family home within the Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland as well as a driveway crossing of a wetland. The proposed driveway follows a current cart path that was used to access test pits. Questions on the possible Vernal Pool and impacts to it were asked.

MD moved to continue the hearing to April 13, 6:35 PM.

AH seconded.

Approved 4-0, unanimously

**7:10 PM Other Business**

An Invoice for \$1700 was submitted by Green Natural Resource Management and approved for work associated with the Bush Hill Forest Harvest.

Gary Howland met with the Commission and asked that a reminder be given to put rip-rap at the entrance of the logging operation to catch silt & mud.

He also updated the Commission on a Russell Hill neighbor about to move 12 acres at the back of his property. He initially wanted to give it to the Ashburnham Conservation Trust as it abuts the Russell Hill Property but he doesn't want to incur any expenses.

Also a landowner on Willard Rd. is interested in having land protected near the APR Property thru a possible agricultural restriction.

**7:32 PM**

MD Motioned to adjourn the meeting.

AH seconded the Motion.

Approved 4-0, unanimously.