

**Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission**  
**July 27th, 2015**

Present: MD: Marshall Dennis  
AH Andrew Henderson  
AA Alana Archangelo

Absent: CP Christopher Picone

**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, Cushing Academy Field on Central St.,** filed by the Trustees of Cushing Academy.  
They would like to use the field located on Central St., adjacent to the Public Safety Complex, for the stockpiling of soils from the construction of the new Athletic Facility.

MD met with Matt Mauro on the morning of June 22 at the site. Five flags were changed (flags 107-111) and the plan has been updated.

MD Motioned to issue a Negative Determination #3 that the work is within the Buffer Zone but will not alter an area subject to protection, therefore an NOI is not needed.

AA Seconded the Motion.

Approved 3-0, unanimously.

6:45 PM **Request For Determination, River Styx & Russell Hill Rd., Town of Ashburnham**  
**Dept. Public Works.** The Town is resurfacing the roads.

Work has started, erosion controls are needed in the areas adjacent to wetlands such as Brown Brook (a perennial stream) on River Styx Rd.

MD will talk with appropriate parties, Conservation Agent, Town Administrator and DPW Director, Steve Nims.

MD Motioned to issue a Negative Determination #3 that the work is within the Buffer Zone but will not alter an area subject to protection, therefore an NOI is not needed. Conditions are to include erosion controls as deemed appropriate.

AA Seconded the Motion.

Approved 3-0, unanimously.

6:55 PM **Notice of Intent, 16 Page Ave., Benjamin Builders.** Tim Beauchemin (Beauchemin Eng.) was present to represent the applicant. The application is for a single family home and driveway a portion of which is within the Buffer Zone of a Vegetated Wetland.

MD motioned to issue an Order of Conditions.

AA Seconded the Motion.

Approved 3-0, unanimously.

7:05 PM **Other Business**

**Certificate of Compliance** – 139 Russell Hill Rd., open field File # 092-0900.  
MD has visited the site and feels it is in Compliance.

MD Motioned to issue a Certificate of Compliance for DEP File # 092-0900  
AA Seconded the Motion.  
Approved 3-0, unanimously.

7:08 PM **Request For Determination, 38 Winnecowett Dr.**, Janet Wetzonis is the applicant. The applicant would like to replace an existing sub-surface waste disposal system. Part of the system (man-hole, piping and grading) are within the Buffer Zone. Silt-fence is shown on the plan for erosion control.

MD Motioned to issue a Negative Determination #3 that the work is within the Buffer Zone but will not alter an area subject to protection, therefore an NOI is not needed.  
AA Seconded the Motion.  
Approved 3-0, unanimously.

**Other Business**

Commission members reviewed and signed their copies of the Sexual Harassment Policy & Procedures.

Commission reviewed a Forest Cutting Plan on Marshall Mills Rd.  
Commission reviewed a Forest Cutting Plan on Woods Rd.

Commission reviewed a Deficiency Report for Lower Naukeag Lake issued by the Office of Dam Safety. The Report is addressed to Steve Nims as DPW Director for the Town.

Ashburnham Conservation Trust (ACT) – Gary Howland met with the Commission concerning the Crosby Rd. Land Acquisition, the Planning Board needs signatures. The Commission has also received an invoice for survey work on the 9 acre parcel from Edmund Boucher for \$1700.

The gate for Bush Hill Conservation Area has not been installed yet. Also Mike Salem hasn't got back concerning proposed work regarding and seeding of the hill field. The Commission questioned if they should go back to Richie Wright, the project needs to move forward so that seeding can start before winter.

8:42 PM

MD Motioned to adjourn the meeting.  
AA Seconded the Motion.  
Approved 3-0, unanimously.

