

**Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission**  
**September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Present: MD: Marshall Dennis  
CP Christopher Picone  
AH Andrew Henderson

Absent: AA Alana Archangelo

**7:05 PM:** After achieving a quorum, 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.

**Request For Determination of Applicability – Lake Haven Lane (Broadhurst Point Conservation Area).** For the installation of granite stones as erosion control for banking of beach area, within the Buffer Zone of Watatic Lake.

Gary Howland represented the owners (Ashburnham Conservation Trust, ACT) along with Steve Coswell who will be hired to do the work. Abutters and lake residents in attendance included Frank and Diane Fiorentino, Nancy Bishop, Richard Bedford, Ron Putnam, and David Parker.

ACT proposes to install 3 granite slabs (each 8 ft long x 7” high x 13” deep) to prevent further erosion of the bank by the swimming point. The work would require minimal to no digging, instead filling the borders with 1x3” riprap.

There was discussion of the safety of swimmers who venture out from shore, as boats pass very fast through that channel despite a warning sign. Mr. Causewell suggested that the Lake and Pond Coalition use some of their funds to purchase signs that are more visible, such as floating bouys that might say “No Wake Zone” or similar. In additions, it was advised that ACT add a sign for the swimmers, warning them about boat traffic.

MD motioned to close the hearing.  
CP Seconded the Motion.  
Approved 3-0, unanimously.

MD motioned to issue a negative determination of applicability (#2 and #3).  
AH Seconded the Motion.  
Approved 3-0, unanimously.

**7:30 PM Other Business**

Gary Howland of the Ashburnham Conservation Trust discussed the post-forestry issues at the Bush Hill Conservation Area. Gary will ask Rich Turcotte to contact the state forester, who suggested there may be state funding available to pay for part of the land reclamation at that site. Perhaps if the state can pay for half of the cost, the Con Comm could pay the other half for \$5000 (-\$7000 max). Perhaps we can offer a total of \$10,000 to whomever will level the site, and they might have to leave some stumps for that lower price.

7:40 PM MD motioned to adjourn the Meeting.  
AH Seconded the Motion.  
Approved 3-0, unanimously.