



**MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Monday September 12, 2016**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**Town Hall – Lower Level Meeting Room**

Present: MD: Marshall Dennis  
CP: Christopher Picone  
LC: Linda Couture  
AH: Andrew Henderson

**6:30 PM: Agenda Review/General Discussion**

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.

**Public Meetings/Hearings:**

**6:35 PM – Notice of Intent (Continued) – Cushing Academy, School Street (Map 21, Parcel 106):** For grading and site work associated with the construction of two dormitories within the Riverfront Area.

In attendance representing the Applicant were Brian Milisci, PE (Whitman and Bingham) and Eric Hubert (from CSL, project manager for Cushing)

The Applicant has already met (or is soon meeting) with the DPW, Planning Board and Fire department.

Two Commission members (MD & CP) have walked the site since our last meeting.

As noted at the last meeting, there was no grading shown on the plans for the east side of the easterly building. At that time, the plan was to leave the grade mostly untouched. Now, after talking with Fire Department staff, some grading is proposed on that building's east side. Revised plans show two grading options in this area, and the final plan will clarify which option is selected. A few trees may need to be removed for fire safety access, but those trees are outside the buffer zone of a nearby waterway and vegetated wetland.

The square footage of riverfront area disturbance as indicated on the plan (i.e. 2,700 ft<sup>2</sup>) includes part of a parking area along with the new grading on the east side.

The Commission discussed the need for Cushing Academy to file a permit application whenever they conduct work that is subject to the Commission's

jurisdiction. The Commission noted that it appreciated Cushing filing this current NOI so as to avoid the Commission's potential issuance of violation notice or Enforcement Order, as has happened on occasion in the past.

MD motioned to close the public Hearing for Cushing Academy (School Street).  
LC seconded.  
Approved Unanimously, 4-0.

MD motioned to issue an Order of Conditions and approve the project per plan and discussion.  
LC seconded.  
Approved Unanimously, 4-0.

A complete set of final revised plans will be submitted following final meetings with the Planning Board.

The OoC will be picked up directly either by Mr. Milisci or Mr. Hubert, who then will deliver the original Order to Joe McPeck at Cushing so there will be a clear chain of custody.

**Guest & Visitors:** None

**Other Commission Business/Administration:**

- The Commission reviewed a Request for Certificate of Compliance for 9 Lillian Avenue (DEP File # 092-779). The Agent, Rich Turcotte, visited the site and confirmed that disturbed areas had been stabilized.

MD motioned to issue the CoC for 9 Lillian Avenue.  
LC seconded.  
Approved Unanimously, 4-0.

- MD and LC noted that they would not be available for the next meeting (September 26<sup>th</sup>). Consequently, this meeting will be cancelled.
- Review/approval of the minutes for the meeting of August 22<sup>nd</sup>, inclusive of MD and LC revisions.

MD motioned to approve the 2016 minutes from Jan 11, Mar 14, Mar 28, April 25, May 9, May 23, June 22 July 11 and August 22.  
LC seconded.  
Approved Unanimously, 4-0.

According to LC, the Commission has not been notified prior to herbicide treatments at Lower Naukeag. There were two treatments this summer, but neither included Commission notification. The Conservation Agent will be asked to review this matter.

**7:05 PM**

MD motioned to adjourn. LC Seconded the Motion. Approved Unanimously, 4-0.