



MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Monday, December 12th, 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 – Request For Determination – 5 Marble Rd. (Map 41 parcel 4).

The applicant, Linda Maillet is proposing the installation of a new septic system. The work is located within the Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The BoH had permitted the project.

The plan seemed very straightforward. The wetlands are across the street from the house and the location of the leach field. The only minor issue is that renters have placed some brush in the wetland; it should be mentioned possibly in a cover letter that it is a bad practice.

MD checked the stream stats to confirm that there is a perennial stream that would have a high water mark at/near the wetland boundary. Therefore, the entire project area would be within the riverfront (200 ft border). That does not affect the project given the proposed plans and erosion controls.

MD motioned to close the public Hearing for 5 Marble Rd.

AH seconded.

Approved 4:0.

MD motioned to issue a negative determination of applicability (#2, within resource area but without adverse effects);

AH seconded.

Approved 4:0.

[Rich: please call the owner when the file is ready, and she will pick it up.]

Guest & Visitors

None

Other Commission Business/Administration:

Certificate Of Compliance for 180 Winchendon Rd. DEP File # 092-0883. Approved with a vote of 4:0.

The following **CoCs** are expired from permits issued to the previous owner of Cashman Estates, and the work on these permits was completed years ago. A new and more pertinent NOI was issued last year pertaining only to the road/sewer work on this subdivision.

All requests below were approved with a vote of 4:0.

- Certificate Of Compliance for 22 Cashman Hill Rd. DEP File # 092-0705.
- Certificate Of Compliance for 10 Hemlock Rd. DEP File # 092-0765 (Lot 1).
- Certificate Of Compliance for 20 Hemlock Rd. DEP File # 092-0766 (Lot 2).
- Certificate Of Compliance for 17 Hemlock Rd. DEP File # 092-0767 (Lot 15).
- Certificate Of Compliance for 23 Hemlock Rd. DEP File # 092-0768 (Lot 14).

Minutes from November 14, 2016: under Guests and Visitors change "LD" to "LC". Motion to accept minutes: 4:0.

We reviewed a **determination of Negligible Impact** for 104 West Shore Dr., already approved.

We discussed a **letter from MACC** which will be sent to MA Governor Baker. MACC is asking town commissions if they are willing to sign onto a letter opposing further development of interstate gas pipelines.

Vote in favor of signing 3:1 against.

Next meeting January 9, 2017.

7:08 Adjourned.