



MEETING MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Monday, June 12th, 2017
6:30 P.M.

Town Hall – Lower Level Meeting Room

Present: CP: Christopher Picone
LC: Linda Couture
AH: Andrew Henderson

Absent: MD: Marshall Dennis

6:30 PM: Agenda Review/General Discussion

CP 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 – Michael Kaskiewicz: 50 Hilltop Drive – Notice of Intent: Septic System Upgrade and associated grading within the 100-foot buffer zone of Lake Watatic.

Angel Lehtonen of Northland Engineers was in attendance representing the Applicant.

As part of the replacement septic system, Ms. Lehtonen explained that a 40 mil polymer-based barrier would be placed around the leach field, thereby reducing the area required and the chance of contaminant migration to the lake. The actual area of buffer zone disturbance will be approximately 1,295 square feet. Upon project completion, disturbed areas will be loamed and seeded.

With respect to erosion controls, Ms. Lehtonen stated that silt fencing could not be directly connected to the shed at the corner of driveway since the property line/shed location issues. Therefore, the Commission noted that while the lot is relatively flat, a sufficient number of straw bales will be required to be onsite in case of a severe storm event and to prevent sediment-laden storm runoff from reaching Lake Watatic.

Lastly, Ms. Lehtonen stated that the Board of Health permit had not yet been issued.

CP motioned to close the Hearing for 50 Hilltop Drive.

LC seconded.

Approved 3 – 0.

CP motioned to approve the NOI and issue an Order of Conditions per plan and discussion.
LC seconded.
Approved 3 – 0.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

None

Guest & Visitors

None

Other Commission Business/Administration:

CP acknowledged that the Commission had received a Request for Extension relative to the Order of Conditions for 73 West Shore Drive. However, since the Order's expiration was not imminent, the Commission decided to postpone a decision regarding the Request until MD and the Conservation Agent had an opportunity to review the file and provide comments.

CP motioned to adjourn.
LC seconded.
Approved 3 – 0.

6:45 Adjourned.