

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SITE VISIT MEETING SUMMARY
DECEMBER 12, 2011**

Present:

12 Ferson Road: Michael Mayor, Ruth Bleyler, Ed Chamberlain, Alan Saucier, Shelley Gilbert, James Kennedy, Tom Brydges, Vicki Smith, Chris Leister

Marshall Pressey Bridge: Michael Mayor, Ruth Bleyler, Ed Chamberlain, Alan Saucier, Shelley Gilbert, James Kennedy, Ken Mielke, Doug McIlroy, Vicki Smith

The Commission met Tom Brydges (owner) and Chris Leister (septic designer) at 12 Ferson Road. Chris explained why the septic system needed to be replaced and noted that probably the replacement would not be necessary had the septic system been vented. Ed pointed out that the plan should be amended to include the date, the construction sequence, a statement about fill and materials storage and the correction to the legend (change 50' to 25'). It was noted that there is no way to avoid the replacement and that the replacement system minimizes impact since it is proposed in the same location as the existing system. The driveway separates the system from the wetland so provides a good protective barrier. Silt fence is proposed to control erosion. There are apparently no further impacts to the wetland or the buffer since the replacement is proposed in the same location as the existing system so the wetland functions and values will be unchanged from the present. The new vents will be camouflaged. One will be 13 feet tall so will be painted to blend in with the trees surrounding the system.

Chris proposed submitting an amended plan prior to the Commission meeting.

The Commission met Ken Mielke at Marshall Brook Natural Area. Ken pointed out the crossing where he would like a bridge to be built. Rather than a bridge that would only accommodate a snowmobile, one that might accommodate the trail groomer was also discussed. The Commission would consider using some of its operating funds to support the bridge construction project. Doug was asked to solicit a recommendation from the Trails Committee about the size of the bridge which could be presented to the Commission. In the meantime, the Commissioners need to consider if snowmobile use should be encouraged in the Marshall Brook Natural Area. Snowmobiling is a historic use. The abutting landowner has agreed to allow snowmobile use at least for the short term.

The Commission will discuss both projects at its meeting on December 14, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Smith