

Approved: 8 January 2014

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
11 River Ridge Road- Lynch Property
SITE VISIT MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2013**

Present: Vicki Smith, Jim Kennedy, Michael Mayor, Ann Marie Lynch, Dennis Lynch, Judith Esmay (public).

The Commission gathered to see the proposed vegetation clearing and restoration area. The proposed trees to be removed and/or saved were flagged, but difficult to interpret from the vantage point of the terrace. The site very steep, so it was not practical to see what is proposed. A small area of work is proposed, and it appears to be on the Town Conservation Lands.

Michael Mayor observed no major impact, and indicated approval of the work. Jim Kennedy explained to Mr. and Mrs. Lynch that the removal of some trees, generally up to 50% of a given area, is allowable under state and town regulations for shoreland protection. Mr. Kennedy also noted that some of the plant materials suggested for restoration (spicebush and lowbush blueberry) may be inappropriate for this location.

The photographs and narratives submitted do not show the number of trees to be removed and/or saved. A schedule of shrubs to be used for restoration, including species, quantities, and sizes should be submitted. In accordance with Paragraph 1 of the Hanover Conservation Commission's "Guidelines for Vegetation Management on Town Conservation Lands", the applicant should prepare a sketch map showing the property line, the area of work, and the location and number of trees and shrubs to be removed, saved, or replaced. Mr. Kennedy sketched out a sample plan for the Lynches to guide their consultant.

The Commission appreciated the care taken in limiting the amount clearing in this fragile shoreland area, and will consider any modifications to the application at their meeting on Wednesday, December 11 at 7 PM, or at a later date if necessary.

Site visit adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Kennedy, Scribe