West Newbury Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Monday, September 10, 2012

Members present: Dawne Fusco (chair), Judy Mizner, Rick Spieler, Wendy Reed. Conservation Agent Jay Smith also present.

Discussion: Minutes

There were no minutes to review.

Discussion: John McNamara for 95 Maple St. --- Violation.

Smith reported that he had driven by and noticed heavy equipment clearing the site. Given that the presence of wetlands was a possibility, he asked that the work be halted until confirmation was made. Driving by again, he noticed that work had continued despite his request and he consulted with Mizner before issuing a notice of violation.

Mr. McNamara and the contractor were present to discuss the situation. He claimed that his intent for the work was to maintain the field margins to allow air and light penetration. Photos show that the area between the fields had been scraped clear of all vegetation, however. He was told by the Commission that no trees or vegetation is to be removed within 25 feet of the swale, and that before any work other than margin maintenance (removal of select trees and undergrowth) filing of a work plan and wetland delineation would be necessary. Smith agreed to go out and meet the contractor on site to evaluate the soil samples for evidence of wetland soils.

Discussion: Chip Hall (Cottage Adviser's LLC) for 18 Sullivan's Court -

Site visit request for pending ANRAD. Members agreed to meet at the site on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Other Business: Patrick Corcoran, 80 Church St. --- Request for COC Smith to conduct a site visit and check as-built.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next scheduled Con Com meeting will be Monday, September 24, 2012