

Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission
April 13, 2009

Present: CP: Christopher Picone, Chairman MH: Michael Horgan
 MD: Marshall Dennis LC: Lori Capone, Conservation Agent
Absent: LD: Lorraine DeSouza

7:30 PM CP opened the Meeting of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission under the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Ch 131 Sect. 40, and in accordance with the Ashburnham Wetlands Protection Bylaw

7:31 PM CP opened the Notice of Intent Hearing for John and Carol Warrington of 5 Ashe Road continued from March 9, 2009 for a proposed septic system repair and installation of a well. CP asked if there were any abutters present to speak for or against the application: none were present. LC informed the Commission that neither the Commission nor the Board of Health has received anything from the applicant's representative since our last Hearing.
CP: Motion to continue the Hearing to May 11, 2009 at 7:30 PM
MD: Seconded the Motion
Motion carried unanimously 3-0

- LC reviewed a Forest Cutting Plan for Route 12 with the Commission
- LC presented a Determination of Negligible Impact for Camp Winnekeag at 257 Ashby Road associated with ice storm damage. LC disseminated pictures of the trees they are requesting to remove. About 2 dozen trees are proposed to be removed, all of which have sustained substantial damage from the ice storm making them unsafe.
MD: Motion to approve the Determination of Negligible Impact
MH: Seconded the Motion
Motion carried unanimously 3-0

7:45 PM CP opened the Notice of Intent Hearing for Robert Meehan for Ashby Road for construction of a single family house with associated driveway and utilities, located within the Riverfront Area. CP asked if there were any abutters to speak for or against this application: Lisa Straglio of 24 Cushing Street was present. Christopher Mossman of Trowbridge Engineering presented the project to the Commission for the applicant, who was not present. Mr. Mossman explained that the total riverfront impact is 5,600 s.f.; however this impact area includes work within the existing roadway. New riverfront impacts associated with previously undisturbed lands equal 2,500 s.f. Mr. Mossman explained that drainage is being diverted to a new swale to a new deep sump catch basin which will discharge into an existing drainage swale located along Ashby Road. MD expressed concern regarding the proposed erosion control barrier being located across Ashby Road from the site. MD asked that an additional barrier be placed along the road frontage within the ROW. Mr. Mossman explained that the project will be phased

to install the drainage in the initial phase of construction. Mr. Mossman also said that curlex blanket would be utilized within the proposed drainage swale and on any slopes greater than 3:1. A foundation drain is being installed, diverting water towards the left side of the house to discharge into the existing swale in the ROW. Any blasting will be contained with blankets. Ms. Straglio of 24 Cushing Street asked when it would be constructed. Mr. Mossman explained that the Town will be paving Ashby Road in 2010 and the utilities would have to be installed by then since, following repaving of the road, there would be a moratorium from opening the road. MD asked for a rip-rap entrance to be installed. The Commission set up a site visit for Saturday April 18, 2009 at 10:00AM since DEP has not issue a file number yet.

CP: Motion to continue the Hearing to April 27, 2009 at 7:45 PM

MD: Seconded the Motion

Motion carried unanimously 3-0

- MD presented a Determination of Negligible Impact for Jessica Leger of 134 Stodge Meadow Road who would like to clean up damage associated with the December 2008 ice storm including removal of 1 birch tree's limbs which are in the water; 1 red maple tree located close to the dock which is dying; and 1 hemlock located near the house which is a threat to the house. The red maple stump will remain.

CP: Motion to approve the Determination of Negligible Impact

MH: Seconded the Motion

Motion carried unanimously 3-0

- MD presented a Determination of Negligible Impact for Victor Sloan of 140 Stodge Meadow Road who would like to remove 1 black willow tree damaged in the December 2008 ice storm. The stump shall remain to maintain soil stability.

CP: Motion to issue a Determination of Negligible Impact

MH: Seconded the Motion

Motion carried unanimously 3-0

- MD presented a Determination of Negligible Impact for Carmine and Phyllis Antidormi of 5 Log Cabin Road who would like to remove limbs from the water at their boat approach and launch area. The Antidormi's would also like to remove cracked saplings in the buffer zone damaged in the December 2008 ice storm.

CP: Motion to issue a Determination of Negligible Impact

MH: Seconded the Motion

Motion carried unanimously 3-0

- LC updated the Commission on her progress with the review of Town Properties requested by the Town Treasurer.

- LC reviewed a donation of land with the Conservation Commission as requested by the Board of Selectmen. The Commission determined that they had no opinion for or against the acceptance of this land.

- LC updated the Commission regarding the Naukeag Lake Club's annual drawdown. LC informed the Commission that Mr. Cornwall told her they would not be performing a drawdown this year.
- MD requested an updated regarding a past complaint on the Kunz property on Willard Road
- MD requested an update regarding an Enforcement Action of 12 East Rindge Road
- LC presented a Determination of Negligible Impact for 61 Brogan Road for a 10 x 12 addition located on 3 sonatube footings. The Commission requested that the excavated soil piles be covered with a tarp.
CP: Motion to issue a Determination of Negligible Impact
MD: Seconded the Motion
Motion carried unanimously 3-0
- LC presented a request by Mr. Toivo to construct additional fish ponds on his property on Lake Wampanoag. The Commission requested Mr. Toivo mark the location of the ponds on a plan to verify that the ponds are located outside the Commission's jurisdiction.

CP: Motion to adjourn

MD: Seconded the Motion

Motion carried unanimously 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by Lori Capone, Conservation Agent