

Minutes of the Ashburnham Conservation Commission
June 8, 2009

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

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 Robert Meehan of Ashby Road, Map 22, Parcel 45, last continued from May 11, 2009 for the proposed construction of a single family house with associated driveway and utility connections. CP asked if there were any abutters present to speak for or against the application: none were present. LC explained that the Hearing was continued at the last Meeting due to the fact that the plans were not finalized. LC has since received and reviewed the final plans.
LD: Motion to close the Hearing
CP: Seconded the Motion
Motion carried unanimously 3-0
CP: Motion to issue an Order of Conditions per plan and discussion.
MH: Seconded the Motion
Motion carried unanimously 3-0

7:43 PM CP opened the Notice of Intent Hearing for Shelley & Gary Dion of 4 Liberty Lane for the proposed construction of a 26 x 28 garage located within the buffer zone. CP asked if there were any abutters present to speak for or against this application: none were present. Mrs. Dion presented her plans to the Commission. The Commission expressed concern with the closeness of the proposed structure to the wetlands and requested the garage be moved closer to the house or towards the rear of her lot to move it further away from the wetlands. Mrs. Dion did not want to move the garage closer to the house due to snow storage nor towards the rear because she did not want to have the property surveyed. The Commission requested setback distances from the wetland be added to the plan and continued the Hearing in order to perform a site visit to see if there are any other modifications that can be made to improve the present design. A site visit was set up for June 13, 2009 at 9:00 AM.
MH: Motion to continue the Hearing to June 22, 2009 at 7:45 PM
CP: Seconded the Motion
Motion carried unanimously 3-0

8:00 PM Kenny Lehtonen Jr. met with the Commission to discuss his replication area at 24 & 30 River Styx Road. Mr. Lehtonen explained that he could not construct the replication area per plan because he ran into ledge. Mr.

Lehtonen requested he be able to replicate some of the wetland on the downstream side of the culvert. The Commission requested a wetland scientist be hired, as had been required in the original Order of Conditions, to design a viable wetland replication plan.

8:15 PM Steven Coswell was supposed to meet with the Commission concerning a project at 31 Noel Drive. He did not attend tonight's meeting.

Other Business:

- LC presented a Request for Certificate of Compliance for 34 Fitchburg Road, DEP #92-733. LC explained that this Order was to remove dirty fill from the site and stabilize per Order from DEP. DEP has removed their Order and LC has inspected the site for stability.
LD: Motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance
CP: Seconded the Motion
Motion carried unanimously 3-0
- The Commission discussed revisions to their Fee Schedule.
- LC presented a minor plan change for 95 Westshore Drive to the Commission for review and approval
- LC disseminated and discussed to Forest Cutting Plan for Depot Road
- LC informed the Commission that the drainage pipe at the corner of Willard and Central Street has been installed. It has been modified from what the Commission had requested. LC requested the Commission take a look to make sure they are satisfied with it.
- LC informed the Commission that there is activity at 100 Main Street, specifically mowing of the wetland. LC requested the Commission take a look to see if action is warranted.

LD: Motion to adjourn
CP: Seconded the Motion
Motion carried unanimously 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:00
Respectfully submitted by Lori Capone, Conservation Agent