

**Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2013
Ashfield Town Hall**

Present: Lester Garvin, Chair (LG)
Brian Clark (BC)
Dave Fessenden (DF)
Phil Lussier (PL)
Brittany Martin, Scribe (BM)
Tom Leue, Guest (TL)

Absent: Janet Clark (JC)

1. The meeting is called to order at 7:34pm.
2. Board reviews the September 25, 2013 minutes. DF moves to accept the amended minutes, PL seconds and all vote in favor.
3. PL reports that he went online to research the DEP guidance for municipal road projects, he didn't locate anything but will email Mark Stinson to learn if he has any information. LG states that the Ashfield Highway Department is still working on the restoration of Smith Road and that work needs to be completed before any work is done in the stream itself. LG states that large boulders slipped into the stream from near the road; BC states that a retaining wall is to be built. LG states that Tom Poissant found a potential grant to help fund the restoration and that is what is holding up the progress of the project. LG states that he would like to speak with Tom Poissant after construction season comes to an end, possibly in November, to learn if he knows the best practices to take for prevention of sedimentation from road repair/construction. PL will email Mark Stinson to see if he's available in November so that he and Tom Poissant can attend a meeting together as Mark Stinson would be a good resource for this information as well.
4. Board discusses Cynthia Clark, residing in Heath. Cynthia has submitted an RDA for a septic system upgrade. LG will schedule her hearing for the next meeting on October 23, 2013.
5. Continuation of Pieropan RDA. BC and PL made a site visit. PL states that the leaves have covered up the sediment fan and that the tree stumps are as stable as they will ever be. PL states that it would take a large excavator to remove them and it would cause more problems than it would solve, and that it will probably rot in place. PL and BC agree that nothing more needs to be done to the site. PL moves to close the hearing, BC seconds and all vote in favor.
6. Board reviews pending on-line building permits:
 - a. 120 Buckland Road, James Morin: new garage 24x24. BC states that it looks like it has 50' of road frontage. PL states they are outside the buffer zone. BC approves during meeting. Proposed construction appears to be outside of buffer area. Approved.
7. PL motions to adjourn the meeting, DF seconds and all vote in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany Martin, Scribe