

Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2013
Ashfield Town Hall

Present: Lester Garvin, Chair (LG)
Brian Clark (BC)
Dave Fessenden (DF)
Phil Lussier (PL)
Janet Clark (JC)
Brittany Martin, Scribe (BM)
Mark Stinson, Guest (MS)
Tom Poissant, Guest (TP)

1. The meeting is called to order at 7:35pm.
2. Board reviews the November 13, 2013 minutes. PL moves to accept the amended minutes, BC seconds and all vote in favor.
3. Board discusses the potential road between the elementary school and the emergency evacuation spot. This road would be a safer route for the children and the school faculty members if there is a school evacuation so they wouldn't have to travel on foot on Route 112. The road would be about 300 yards in length. LG states that there are potential resource areas that are in the area for the potential road. BC states that there may also be a vernal pool in the area. PL states that he is interested to see if the area was delineated when the school was built. MS states that he will pull up any information he can on the vernal pools in the area and that they are not necessarily a resource area. TP states that this potential road would be a good idea for the elementary school to improve the safety for students and faculty, especially during the winter months and that there should be a safe route that is not on Route 112. TP further states that this potential road may be a lot of work and costly to make, and to upkeep. TP states that it may be a gravel road.
4. LG reports that he spoke with Mike Calihan and there were four beavers taken out of the Double Edge Theater dam on Route 116. The Board of Health issued an emergency certification for the beaver dam on Bray Road.
5. Board welcomes Tom Poissant to the meeting to discuss road work and drainage issues. LG states that the Board has had discussions about road work near resource areas and any information he could relay to the Board would be helpful. MS hands out "Guidance Documents" to Board members and explains that there is a "Bundled NOI" that some towns use when doing work in a resource area so that separate NOI's don't have to be filed. MS states that if we needed to file a Bundled NOI for road work he would review it before we submitted it to make sure that all the information is filled out correctly. LG states that the Board may want to sit down once a year and determine what projects need to be completed. Board discusses the

importance of having a large map of town in the Town Hall potentially with layers of resource areas, vernal pools, etc. MS states that he is able to scout out locations for the dry hydrants and that he is happy to meet with the Fire Department and Conservation Commission regarding the dry hydrants. LG states in closing that the Board wants to avoid costly mistakes and be proactive about keeping our streams clean.

6. PL reports on the fall conference he attended regarding Invasive Species. He states that he is willing to make a CD to file at the Town Hall and will also send a link to Board members with the documents attached. PL states that one of the topics that stood out to him was that black plastic sterilizes the soil and the microorganisms that are important to the soil are actually cooked and disappear. The black plastic also allows invasive species to send out clones beyond the plastic, even so far as across roads.
7. Board reviews pending on-line building permits:
 - a. 81 Baptist Corner Road, Daniel Hewins: addition to north side of house, three season porch addition to west side of house, new garage on southwest corner of house, kitchen and bathroom renovations. BC approves during meeting.
8. JC motions to adjourn the meeting, PL seconds and all vote in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 9:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Martin, Scribe