

Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2014
Ashfield Town Hall

Present: Lester Garvin, Chair (LG)
Brian Clark (BC)
Phil Lussier (PL)
Brittany Martin, Scribe (BM)
John Madocks, Guest (JM)
Anne Madocks, Guest (AM)
Howard Streeter Jr, Guest (HS)

Absent: Janet Clark, (JC)
Dave Fessenden (DF)

1. The meeting is called to order at 7:36pm.
2. Board reviews the December 11, 2013 minutes. PL moves to accept the amended minutes, BC seconds and all vote in favor.
3. Board discusses the potential emergency evacuation road for the elementary school. LG shows the Board an aerial photo of the boundaries of the proposed area. PL states that if they keep it close to the boundaries, it should be outside of the buffer zone.
4. LG reports that he is raising our budget by \$40.00. LG states that the NACC dues have increased and the Scribe's payroll is increasing \$20.00. LG states that the amount for legal ads and postage has also increased. PL moves to accept the budget as presented, BC seconds and all vote in favor.
5. Board discusses annual report. PL moves to accept the Annual report as amended, BC seconds and all vote in favor.
6. PL reports on the online building permit boilerplate. Jim Cerone sent an email to PL stating that there is a disclaimer which the IT person is unable to selectively put on the residential building permit applications. The IT person has asked if the Board can cut and paste the disclaimer into the comments field when approving the permits. PL states that that seems feasible, BC and LG agree.
7. Board welcomes John and Anne Madocks to the meeting for their hearing to build a new house on their property. DEP file number: WE 094-0164. Natural Heritage File Number: 14-32885. JM states that the house that he and his wife are currently residing in is too small. They would like to build a house that is approximately 2,500 square feet, with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. There are two parts to the existing house, one phase was built in 1812 and the other was built in 1845. The phase of the house that was built in 1845 is in bad shape, with

no real foundation. The phase that was built in 1812 is in great condition, with a full basement and post and beams. However, there is no bathroom, no heat and no water, so they are not planning to use this space as a living space. The proposed area for the new house is located on a knoll behind the barn. JM states that the new house will be a post and beam with no pegs. He further states that a perc test has been completed and it came back good. Julia Fisk performed the wetlands delineation. PL states that the building is outside the riverfront in all areas. There will be no garage on site however the Board states that if they wanted a garage in the future they wouldn't have to come back if the location is outside of the buffer zone. PL states that if a building permit for a carport was submitted the Board would like to see a building plan to make sure that it's outside of the buffer zone. PL moves to close the hearing, BC seconds and all vote in favor.

8. Board reviews pending on-line building permits:
 - a. There are no permits to approve at this time.

9. Board discusses the reorganization of files at the Town Hall. LG proposes that if BM has time, then she can help reorganize files. PL moves that we authorize BM to reorganize the files taking no longer than 8-10 hours, BC seconds and all vote in favor.

10. PL motions to adjourn the meeting, BC seconds and all vote in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 8:30pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Brittany Martin, Scribe