

**Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2013
Ashfield Town Hall**

Present: Lester Garvin, Chair (LG)
Phil Lussier (PL)
Dave Fessenden (DF)
Brittany Martin, Scribe (BM)
Janet Clark, Guest (JC)

Absent: Will Thayer (WT)
Brian Clark (BC)

The meeting is called to order at 7:34pm.

1. Board reviews the March 13, 2013 minutes. PL moves to accept the amended minutes, DF seconds and all vote in favor.
2. Board speaks with Janet Clark who would like to learn about becoming an Associate Board member. JC's education includes an Undergraduate Degree in Biology and a Masters Degree in Forestry Planning. JC has worked for the Federal Park Service on a property in Vermont; she has worked with other Conservation Commission groups on Land Planning, Habitat Planning and Recreation Planning. She worked for the state on environmental pollution and worked with production engineers and chemists. She served on the Planning Board for a few years and then served a couple of years on the Conservation Commission, in Acton, MA. Much of the land in Acton is wetland so there was a great deal of leverage the town had with developers. BM will contact Ann Dunne, the Ashfield Town Clerk, to inquire how JC becomes an Associate member of this Conservation Commission.
3. Board discusses Robert Cherdak's site. PL thinks the stream on RC's property is an intermittent stream. Board states that RC has every right to replace what is currently there so he has safe access to his barn. The stream is not a priority habitat. Board states that the site visit will help in making the recommendation of a new bridge or a culvert. PL will bring a camera to the site visit.
 - a. Documents present:
 - i. Aerial map
4. Board reviews on-line building permits. Board discusses Tracey Ingebretsen and Kelly McDoanId. The project is more than 100' beyond water. This is not in the Board's jurisdiction. PL approved the building permit online during meeting.
 - a. Documents present:
 - i. Aerial map
 - b. Comments: Approved due to analysis of aerial photo. Building is outside of 100 foot buffer zone of bank of lake.
5. PL motions to adjourn the meeting, DF seconds and all vote in favor.

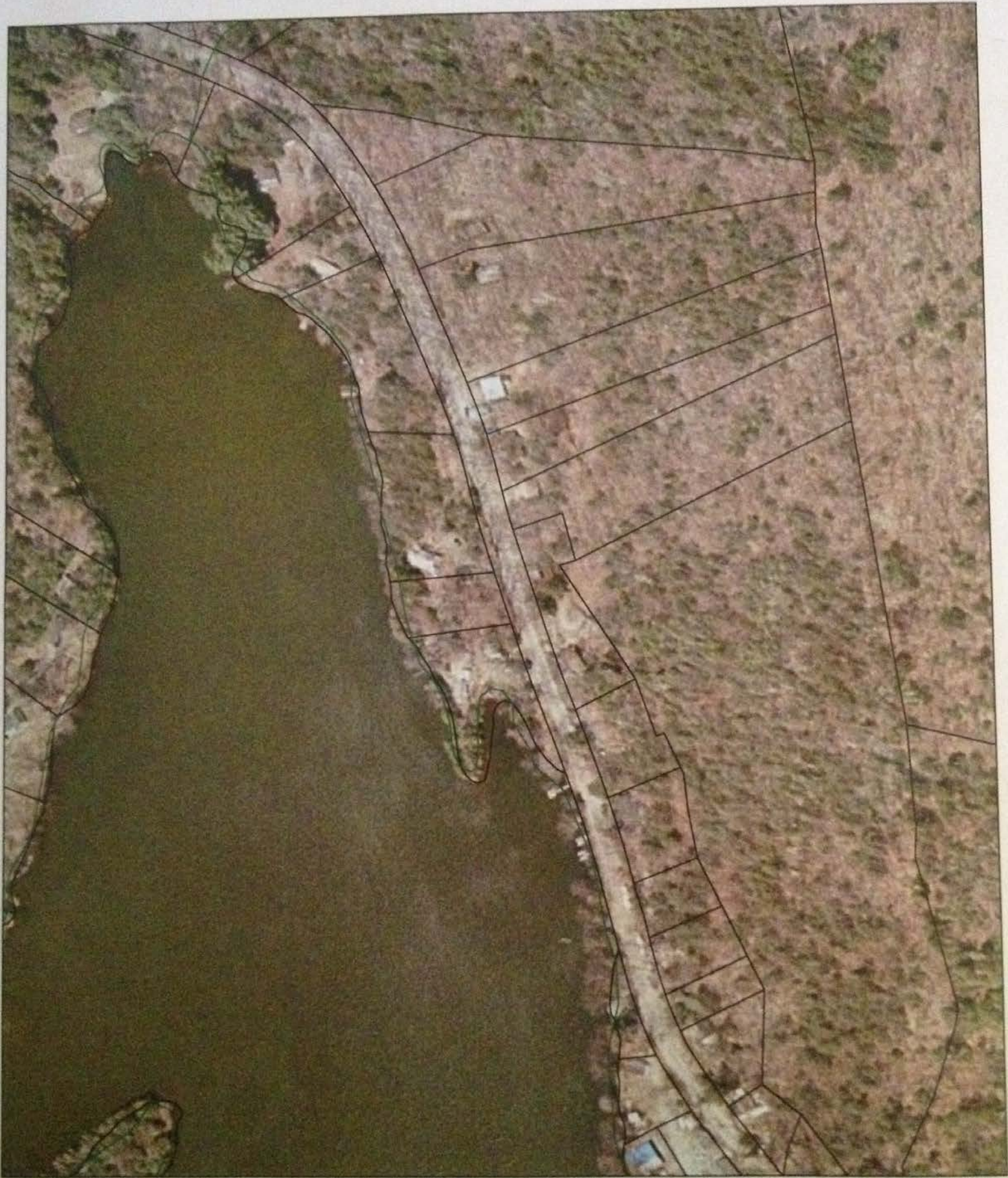
Meeting adjourns at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany Martin, Scribe

Robert Cherdak Culvert



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