

**Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2013
Ashfield Town Hall**

Present: Lester Garvin, Chair (LG)
Phil Lussier (PL)
Brian Clark (BC)
Dave Fessenden (DF)
Brittany Martin, Scribe (BM)
Mary Quigley, Guest (MQ)

Absent: Will Thayer (WT)

The meeting is called to order at 7:32pm.

1. Board reviews the April 10, 2013 minutes. PL moves to accept the amended minutes, BC seconds and all vote in favor.
2. Board discusses LG's resignation. He will wait until his term runs out in June 2013. At that time, there will be an opening on the Board for Janet Clark.
3. Board discusses Sabino Pagano's project. LG gave him an RDA, Lois Pagano completed it and submitted it along with the \$50.00 fee. LG will schedule a hearing for the 2nd Wednesday of next month, May 8, 2013.
4. LG met with Robert Cherdak. LG gave Mr. Cherdak a list of wetlands scientists he may be interested in working with on his project. Mr. Cherdak is considering revisiting the idea to replace the existing bridge. BC states that the existing bridge doesn't look too bad.
5. Board discusses Mary Quigley's project on 1484 Hawley Road. The wetlands were delineated. Currently Michael DiBella, the owner of the house, has water draining off the flat roof of his garage into his basement. MQ would like to move the garage so that he can get into the house with one or two steps and so he doesn't have to back into the road while leaving his home, as it is very dangerous. Once the garage is moved, that plot of land will remain as is. MQ will raise Mr. DiBella's home a bit; this plan has already been approved by a land inspector. The drainage doesn't appear to be a perennial wetland, it is an intermittent stream. Because the area is mowed, there aren't a lot of wetland plants. MQ is trying to get a leach field and a well into an 11 acre plot, so this has proven to be a constricted site; therefore Mr. DiBella will have to have a new leach field. PL suggests doing horizontal boring under the stream so it's 50 feet from the road. PL and LG think this project would require an RDA. MQ had her completed RDA and submitted it to the Board. MQ would like to move along fairly quickly on this project. The hearing will be scheduled in two weeks on May 8, 2013. Board members will drive to the property and take a walk around the site before the hearing.
6. PL emailed BC after last meeting regarding Dana Clarke's project: The proposed apple storage building is in a priority habitat. LG suggests that it will be an NOI. PL would suggest asking Mark Stintson. LG agrees. PL will email Mark Stintson to ask him his opinion on the project.
7. Board welcomes Alan Rice to the meeting to review the Conservation Commission's part in updating the 5-Year Action Plan, which Dodson and Flinker put together. It involves 5 Goals, Objectives and Action Steps, Start Date and what Board works on each Goal. AR

has filtered out the Board's responsibilities. AR is here to push all the Boards and Commissions into editing their part and to see if Goals are viable, already done or if they would like to add different Goals. AR would like this completed before July. Board will take it home and review it. AR is happy to take the Board's edits to put them into a final version. AR will email word document to BM for editing.

8. Board discusses On-line building permits.
 - a. Doneilo - Scott and Bonita of 376 March Road. Existing driveway to March Road is the only connecting feature for the building site. Board looked at the property on Google Earth, PL would like to see a DEP map to locate any possible wetlands. Board views DEP map, the proposed building lot is not in the buffer zone. BC approves in meeting.
9. LG will advertise both hearings cited above.
10. PL motions to adjourn the meeting, WT seconds and all vote in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 9:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany Martin, Scribe

Documents and Exhibits

1. Proposed Site Development from Quigley Builders Inc.
2. Section 9: Five-Year Action Plan – Conservation Commission