

**Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2013
Ashfield Town Hall**

Present: Lester Garvin, Chair (LG)
Brian Clark (BC)
Will Thayer (WT)
Dave Fessenden (DF)
Emily Stockman, Guest (ES)
John LaBelle, Guest (JL)
Brittany Martin, Scribe (BM)

Absent: Phil Lussier (PL)

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

1. Board reviews the May 22, 2013 minutes. WT moves to accept the amended minutes, DF seconds and all vote in favor.
2. WT states that he and PL went on a site visit to the massDOT area on Cape Street. PL stated that the DEP told the Board that massDOT was going to take care of Cape Street.
3. Board discusses Chris Rawlings. Mr. Huggins resides on March Road. There is a pond on his property, under 5,000sf, that Chris would like to dredge out. There doesn't appear to be an inlet or an outlet. Emily Stockman states that if a body of water is under 10,000sf it is not considered a pond. This may be considered non-jurisdictional.
4. Board holds an RDA hearing for Emily Stockman regarding John LaBelle's property. ES had given a presentation last time she attended a meeting with JL, the current owner of the property on Buckland Road. The applicants are Laura and Rich O'Brien, who are potential buyers of the lot. They wanted ES to do some research prior to buying the land to make sure they are able to build a home on it. The applicants have flagged on the lot where they would like to build. They ultimately want a home, driveway and a small lawn space. They have no interest in clearing or building on the steep area of the lot. JL is going to apply for a variance because there is an issue with the frontage buffer zone of the proposed building envelope.

The work that will be performed near the stream on the property wouldn't need erosion control because it is up gradient. On the other side of the property, there would be erosion control. DF motions to close the hearing, WT seconds and all vote in favor. LG states that between this meeting and next meeting, the Board will get all the paperwork and sign off on it next meeting. Copies to be sent to ES, JL and DEP.

5. Board discusses the Open Space and Recreation Plan and Five-Year Action Plan:
 - a. LG has put together what he thinks should be done on several of these items. Board will table this until PL is present.
6. Board discusses On-line Building Permits
 - a. Willy Gray's, foundation 33+- of concrete to stabilize existing foundation. Ray Gray is doing the work. BC cannot see what building is going to be worked on.
7. DF motions to adjourn the meeting, WT seconds and all vote in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 8:54pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Brittany Martin, Scribe

Documents and Exhibits (filed at the Ashfield Town Hall)

1. Conservation Commissions inputs to Five-Year Action Plan