

**Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2013
Ashfield Town Hall**

Present: Lester Garvin, Chair (LG)
Phil Lussier (PL)
Brian Clark (BC)
Dave Fessenden (DF)
Will Thayer (WT)
Janet Clark (Guest) (JC)

Absent: Dave Fessenden (DF)

1. The meeting is called to order at 7:35pm.
2. WT announced his end service on the Commission his the current term of service ends July 1. He has served over a decade in this role. LG will continue to serve. Tom Carter from the Ashfield Select Board visited the meeting and thanked WT and LG for long service. JC has submitted a request to the Select Board to serve on the Conservation Commission.
3. L. Roberts is moving forward on gasification facility, which involves removal of buildings within about 80 feet of a resource area. LG visited the site. Although this sawmill operation is an agricultural site, exemptions are not clear. Also, the resource area includes area designed possible Priority Habitat according to the DEP overlay. The Commission recommends the owner attend a meeting July 24 when PL will invite Mark Stinson (DEP) to be present to advise.
4. LG visited a site owned by John Maddocks at 1200 Plainfield Road. The owner is considering major projects, but they are on hold for now.
5. Members of the Ashfield Board of Water Commissioners visited to request clarity concerning proposed maintenance work on the reservoir dam on Hawley Road. This work, which was recommended by the state inspector/engineer involves minor stump removal and re-roofing of the small "valve house", which stands in the water. The Commission requested submission of a Request for Determination.
6. Emily Stockman project was approved as a negative determination #3. PL and WT had visited the site.
7. Review of the 5 Year Action Plan: LG submitted a plan for the Commission to support and participate in this initiative. (attached) After discussion this was approved.
8. L. Pagano site work as completed under an RDA was approved and signed.
9. On-line building permits:
 - a. Kim Matland and Linda Farmer own land on 1127 Bug Hill and want to build a shed. Without a clear site map, a site visit is necessary. PL will visit.
 - b. Mary Patierno at 401 Briar Hill Road wants to build a deck with 4 inground posts. After review of available maps and consideration of the scale of the work, the Commission signed off on this building permit.
10. Western Mass Electric Co requests an emergency permit to address a beaver problem. LG will

follow-up on this request.

11. Tom Cranston has possibly harvested timber within a buffer zone without submitting a cutting plan. At this time he wants to create a ramp onto Baptist Corner Road. PL will speak to him about submitting a Request for Determination.

Meeting adjourns at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Clark