

**Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2013
Ashfield Town Hall**

Present: Lester Garvin, Chair (LG)
Phil Lussier (PL)
Brian Clark (BC)
Brittany Martin, Scribe (BM)
Janet Clark, Guest (JC)
Andrew Smith, Guest (AS)

Absent: Dave Fessenden (DF)
Will Thayer (WT)

1. The meeting is called to order at 7:39pm.
2. Board reviews the June 12, 2013 minutes. BC moves to accept the amended minutes, PL seconds and all vote in favor.
3. Board reviews the June 26, 2013 minutes. PL moves to accept the amended minutes, BC seconds and all vote in favor.
4. Board discusses Roberts Brothers Saw Mill. His plan is to remove all of these structures across from his office, on the other side of the road. PL states they are clearly in a river front if not a buffer zone. LG states it is buffer zone. LG suggests the Board make a site visit. LG states that Lenny would walk them around. Board will make a site visit July 17, 2013 at 2:30pm.
5. Board discusses Andrew Smith RDA. Andrew Smith came to tonight's meeting for guidance from the Board. Andrew Smith wants to put in a garage or shelter for his vehicles on his property. He currently parks in the area he wants to build the structure only it's without shelter. He states that he would be in a buffer zone; however the area that he would like to build on is high, dry and well drained. He also states that this is basically the only area on his property to put the pole structure to house his vehicles. Andrew Smith will complete an RDA and send a copy to the Board with the \$50 fee and one copy to the DEP. LG will get his hearing advertised for August 14, 2013.
6. Board discusses Tom Cranston access ramp adjacent to South River. PL is concerned that he is cutting without a cutting plan and not following protocol. LG states that the Board should make a site visit before Tom Cranston submits his RDA, PL agrees. PL would like to measure the distance from the bank to the location of the proposed ramp. Board will make a site visit on Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at 4:00pm.
7. Board discusses follow-up on beaver permit. LG issued emergency certification which allowed work to be completed to lower the level in the beaver pond. Beavers were damming the stream. PL and WT walked down there to take a look at it. PL and BC signed the form to send to DEP.
8. PL states that he and WT stopped at the reservoir dam to take a look at the proposed work. They state that it doesn't look like there would need to be anything more than an RDA submitted.
9. Matland farmer permit was approved PL after his site visit. No wetlands issues that could be identified.

10. Board reviews pending on-line building permits:
 - a. Peter Witanen, 1687 Conway Road, Ashfield Road, sill replacement and miscellaneous building repairs, Reviewed permit information and building location in meeting. Does not appear to be any wetland concerns. Agree to approve. BEC
11. PL motions to adjourn the meeting, BC seconds and all vote in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany Martin, Scribe

Documents and Exhibits: (filed in the Ashfield Town Hall)

1. Roberts brother's Saw Mill Map
2. Andrew Smith Map
3. Cranston Access Map
4. Pond Levelers