

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

Present: Lester Garvin, Chair (LG)
Brian Clark (BC)
Dave Fessenden (DF)
Janet Clark (JC)
Brittany Martin, Scribe (BM)
Mark Stinson, Guest (MS)
Tom Cranston, Guest (TC)
Joan Roberts, Guest (JR)
Leonard Roberts, Guest (LR)
Hunter Roberts, Guest (HR)
Elliott Ring, Guest Architect (ER)

Absent: Phil Lussier (PL)
Will Thayer (WT)

1. The meeting is called to order at 7:34pm.
2. Board reviews the July 10, 2013 minutes. BC moves to accept the amended minutes, JC seconds and all vote in favor.
3. Board discusses Tom Cranston access ramp adjacent to South River. MS also states that if Mr. Cranston wants to put a new farm access road in the riverfront and clear trees he will need to file an NOI. This project cannot be done in a floodplain, so MS suggests that Mr. Cranston get a flood map. MS states that if the land that is being accessed is for agricultural use, it's exempt.
4. Board reviews Jacobs engineering update which includes images of wall and completed project.
5. Board discusses Roberts Brother Lumber. ER states that LR would like to increase the size of his operating area by 14,644sf and that the impact should be minor to the acreage. The land does not qualify for agricultural exemption. Nothing will be built to cover the earth and there will be isolators under the new generators. The additional heat from the generators would be clean gas stored in a holding tank and used to dry the wood chips. There will be no smoke stack and no water discharge. The generator will be connected to an interconnection in the grid so they will be using the power off of the grid and putting back into the grid. There will be no manhole, everything leaches into the ground now and it will continue to do so. MS is concerned with two issues relating to the DEP: air quality and wetlands. LR states that he has collected all of the data for the air quality concern and that has been sent to the DEP. MS states he has not received anything.

LR states that a delineation of the land has been done. MS states that if there is new construction, changing soil to gravel, that is an alteration to the riverfront that needs an NOI. If LR was to take a building down and build in that footprint, no larger, he could file a Request for Determination. MS states that if LR is inside of the 200' buffer zone, he will need to file an NOI.

6. Board reviews pending on-line building permits:
 - a. 57 Bronson Avenue, Peter Wiitanen: Replacing 26' of 6x6 sill. BC approves during meeting.

- b. 1762 Baptist Corner Road, Nairn Chadwick: 16'x20' studio with storage loft. BC approves during meeting.
- c. 395 Beldingville Road, Harry Kuenzel: 20'x22' guest room addition with a 19'x28' garage. BC approves during meeting.

7. DF motions to adjourn the meeting, JC 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. MassDOT Highway Department Route 116 Retaining Wall Rehabilitation Project update
2. Roberts Brothers Lumber Co. Inc. plan
3. Roberts Energy Site Plan Total SF