

**Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2013
Ashfield Town Hall**

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

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

1. The meeting is called to order at 7:34pm.
2. Board reviews the July 24, 2013 minutes. JC moves to accept the amended minutes, BC seconds and all vote in favor. Vote is unanimous.
3. Board reviews mail.
4. Board discusses Pfersick Road Septic System. There will need to be a new septic disposal area. The Conservation Commission was called because someone was doing work on the property. Tom Leue designed the new system, which is being completed by riverfront guidelines. The work is within 50 feet of the nearby stream. Mark Stintson called LG today and informed LG that this work needs to have an NOI or RDA filed for the septic system because it's in the buffer zone. LG states that an RDA would be appropriate. PL will speak with Tom Leue.
5. Board discusses 1003 Apple Valley Road. LG received a call from Richard Stevens regarding a flooding problem. Storm Irene wiped out the culvert nearby and he received an emergency certification to have access via another route. The more serious problem is that Clesson Brook is getting closer to his home. PL states that Richard Stevens will have to file an NOI because he will be working in the riverfront and in the land underwater. LG suggests that the Board invite Richard to a meeting for a discussion.
6. Board holds an RDA hearing for Andrew Smith of 214 South Worger Road. The applicant is Nancy Smith. Andrew and Nancy want to put a pole frame structure to cover the area where they currently park 4 cars. The structure will consist of a roof and walls. There will be minimal disturbance to the area as it is high, dry and solid. The work will be no closer than 30 feet to the brook. Andrew Smith states that he is planning to make the bottom of the walls to the structure removable so that when it rains hard the water can flow freely through. The holes for the poles will be about 4 feet deep. PL motions to close the hearing, BC seconds and all vote in favor. LG will write up the DOA and the Board will sign off on it next meeting.
7. Board discusses Roberts Lumber. They have hired Emily Stockman and she has been in contact with Mark Stinson.
8. Board reviews pending on-line building permits:
 - a. 402 Apple Valley Road, Richard Smith: building new house, 1760sf. BC approves during meeting.

- b. 38 Barnes Road, Gray McAlavey: 33' of new reinforced concrete wall to stabilize existing stone foundation. BC approves during meeting.
 - c. 209 March Road, Ruth Zenick: 8'x12' addition with mudroom and bathroom. Existing structure is about 100' away from river. PL noted: no site plan, incomplete.
 - d. 68 Murray Road, Mark Wolfram: build new garage/barn. PL noted: no site plan, incomplete.
9. PL discusses Tom Cranston access route. Allison Rice's advice was that they get a cutting plan. BC states that the son owns the field but the father still owns some of the property. The Board isn't clear as to who owns what portion of the property. PL will call the forester. PL states that if there is no cutting plan, the Board has the responsibility to make sure the forestry cutting act isn't being violated.
10. BC motions to adjourn the meeting, JC seconds and all vote in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 8:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany Martin, Scribe

Documents and Exhibits (filed at the Ashfield Town Hall)

- 1. Pfersick Road Septic System map
- 2. 402 Apple Valley Road map
- 3. 38 Barnes Road map
- 4. 209 March Road map
- 5. 68 Murray Road map