

**Ashfield Conservation Commission
Wednesday, October 8, 2014**

Members Present: Lester Garvin, Chair (LG) Brian Clark (BC) Janet Clark (JC) David Fesseden (DF) Phil Lussier (PL)	Others Present: Anne Madocks, Scribe Calvin Clark
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1. Meeting called to order by LG at 7:36 pm.
2. JC moved to accept minutes from 9/24/14; PL seconded; unanimous.
3. Maps of the proposed 7.1 miles of the alignment from Kinder Morgan's Tennessee Gas Pipeline FERC-1 Application presented by LG. Commission looked over the alignment and acknowledged proposed river and wetland crossings. Pipeline construction within the Swift River headwaters is of great concern; excellent habitat for wood turtles. JC Do we want to communicate with land owners to get their help in documenting resources on their properties? Documenting resources now will allow the Commission to make more informed decisions about permit conditions, as well as any potential re-alignments that Kinder Morgan may request, or that the Commission should advocate for. LG Commission should work with BOH on any property owner outreach to find out about wells and septic systems, and Historical Society and Historical Commission about historical/cultural resources. What info should Commission have available for landowners to review? A set of maps with property boundaries, orthophotos, wetlands and hydrology could be made available for the public to help them review the alignment on their property and provide information to Town boards. LG will contact these Boards about setting up a meeting to discuss coordination of outreach.
4. Online Building Permit
Padric Doyle, Flora Tatrolt Lane – Building permit for a new garage; 507' from stream as measured on MassGIS's OLIVER website. Approved.
5. Calvin Clark, 745 Williamsburg Road, Chicken Coop on South River (not at owner's address) – Mr. Clark was present to discuss the proposed Emergency Certification. An agricultural structure 20'x30' is in significant disrepair and close to falling into the river and needs to be removed immediately before it collapses. JC asked if there is any opportunity to restore the bank after the removal. PL asked whether there is currently any disturbance of the bank, and/or if a removal will result in any disturbance. Mr. Clark stated he is not aware of any erosion and he discussed removal of the structure with a potential contractor who stated it would be a relatively simple job. Commission requested any footings or other attachments to the bank to be removed and disturbance restored. PL moved to issue an Emergency Certification; JC seconded; no discussion; unanimous. The Emergency Certification is valid for 30 days.

6. DAR State Forest, Emergency Certification - LG stated the request is to repair bridge abutments on the road into the campground area, and would include rebuilding stone bridge sections in-kind. JC moved to issue certification to restore bridge; PL seconded; no discussion; unanimous.

7. Mark Stinson, DEP Circuit Rider email – Mr. Stinson read the BOS minutes noting allocation of money to do hand pulling of fanwort. Stinson said an RDA is needed. He also stated that DCR/DEP guidance on hand pulling invasive species is available on their website and provided a link. LG said the Town plans to work with divers to vacuum the fanwort. Park and Recreation Commission is overseeing this work. LG will talk with the Park and Recreation Commission about filing an RDA. Survey of plants are first phase to determine how extensive the removal is and not sure if that work has begun yet.

8. PL Moved to adjourn 8:20 pm; JC seconded; unanimous.