

**Ashfield Conservation Commission**  
**April 13, 2016**

**Members Present:**

Lester Garvin, Chair (LG)  
Brian Clark (BC)  
Janet Clark (JC)  
Phil Lussier (PL)  
Anne Madocks (AM)

**Others Present:**

Robert Joseph Osterman  
Paul Wehrin, Direct Energy Solar  
Peter Curtis

1. LG called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.
2. Reviewed minutes of 3/23/16. Approved unanimous
3. PL moved to accept trail bridge policy as written, JC seconded; unanimous.
4. Peter Curtis, RDA for new residential building. A negative DOA was issued June 2015. Peter Curtis – The planned location for the house was going to run into ledge. Proposing to move the house down on the site to avoid ledge. Relocation of house is outside of the buffer zone. PL moved to vote in approval of the new plan as revised under the same conditions as the original RDA. Plan sheet L-3, dated 3/25/16, Hubbard Land Design, Curtis-Brehm House Site.
5. 925 Conway Road, Osterman ground mounted solar array. The array is proposed to be sited 174' from the river. Building Permit filed for 34' x 12', 20 panel array. The project will need to file a Request for Determination of Applicability - WPA Form 1. PL explained the process and BC sent Mr. Wehrin a link to the form. If RDA is submitted by Tuesday of next week, it will advertise for five days, and a hearing at the next meeting on 4/27/16 can be held.
6. 1277 Williamsburg Road, ground mounted solar array. PL looked up the site on MassGIS OLIVER, and approved permit on 4/5/16 online because it was not in a resource area.
7. PL has a site visit scheduled for 4pm Thursday 4/14/16 with Eversource's Kevin McCune and Mark Stinson, DEP. PL and McCune agreed upon the location that the access was granted. McCune said that technology has changed over time and they do need these roads. Industry required that they need to be able to service these towers at a moment notice, and trucks are three times the size they used to be. Eugene Benson from MACC advised PL that the presumption is upon the applicant to prove that the work does not cause substantial change.
8. Motion to adjourn JC, PL seconded; 8:25 pm