

**Ashfield Conservation Commission  
April 8, 2015**

<b>Members Present:</b> Lester Garvin, Chair (LG) Brian Clark (BC) Dave Fessenden (DF) Phil Lussier (PL)	<b>Members Absent:</b> Janet Clark (JC)
<b>Others Present:</b> Anne Madocks, Scribe	

1. LG called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.
2. Reviewed minutes from 3/25/15. DF moved to approve minutes as amended, PL seconded; unanimous.
3. Pepyne, Rte 112 – DF submitted map of site from MassGIS OLIVER and performed a site visit this past week. There are wetlands on the property. The property owner is seeking to clear trees to open a view of the lake. Power lines are on the property but the power company are not willing to cut the trees. Under a Forest Management Plan you can cut up to 50% of the basal tree area. Conservation Commission recommends property owner consult with a wetland scientist. All of the trees proposed for removal are within 100' of the lake and in the buffer zone.
4. Tamson Merrill, Creamery Road – DF submitted map of the site from MassGIS OLIVER. DF performed a site visit this past week. There is an old house at top of hill and work is needed on the foundation for drainage including excavation around a bulkhead. No apparent wetland resources on the property. Commission signed off on online Building Permit.
5. LG received an NOI for Ashfield Lake dam repair. Will schedule a hearing. Tighe and Bond will also submit an RDA for the field wall.
6. Julie Thibeault wants to put in a force main septic system at the Bullfrog Inn east of Murray Road. System is failing and needs repair.
7. OOC issued on the Smith Branch Road NOI.
8. Motion to adjourn PL, DF seconded, unanimous. 7:58 pm