

**Ashfield Conservation Commission
July 22, 2015**

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Emily Stockman
Rich O'Brien

1. LG called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.
2. Minutes from July 8th meeting were reviewed. JC moved to accept; BC seconded; AM abstained; accepted as submitted.
3. A summary of the discussion with Mark Stinson at last meeting about hiring a third party consultant for review of NOIs. A third party consultant will likely be needed to review the Kinder Morgan pipeline project when it is submitted for permitting. Discussion halted for next agenda item, to be picked up later in meeting (#7 below).
4. Emily Stockman and Rich O'Brien, Buckland Road OOC
The property owners have run into issues with manufacturer of the modular home they had identified in their NOI for the site. They are now working with an architect to design a single family 900 sq.ft. house with 4 rooms and 2 bedrooms. The orientation of the building has changed, but located in the same general location. Site grading and the limit of work within the buffer zone will be shifted slightly closer to Buckland Road. New house would be on a foundation, and some piers. Some restoration work on old stone wall at site would be needed, leaving a gap for the intermittent stream that is there. ES How would commission like us to proceed: approval in minutes, amend NOI, or new NOI. Temporary stream crossing will remain the same even though construction will require extended use of it. Silt fencing is planned to contain materials.

PL Move to approve changes as presented today as they do not significantly alter the resource area as previously presented. JC seconded; unanimous. Rich O'Brien signed the revised plan and dated July 22, 2015. This will be the plan referenced in the Certificate of Compliance when sought.
5. Jeffrey Hoyt, 325 Buckland Road, RDA
Planning to build an addition 16'x20' further from the lake, all within 100' of the lake. Building will include a cellar, and material to be trucked off site. No water source on the property. Four trees will be removed, 3-4" up to 10" diameter. The addition is between 76-100' from lake edge. Existing building has town water and sewer. Seeking to relocate propane tank closer to road away from the house. Will require a ditch 12-18" deep for propane line. Stockpiled soil will be covered by a tarp until removed from site. Silt fence and straw bales can be installed if needed. AM Liked previous comment by Emily Stockman that silt fence serves an important visual delineation for site work, even if the likelihood of soil migrating is minimal to none. Also the

precedent of no silt fence within the buffer zone may not be a good idea. PL moved to close hearing; BC seconded; unanimous.

6. Online Building Permits

337 Lilliput Road, Phillips - Solar project. Consulted MassGIS OLIVER, >400' to a resource area. Signed off.

161 West Road, James Sullivan – Roof mounted PV system. Not applicable.

1 Cumington Road, James Bacon – Identified application as incomplete. Need a street address and site plan in order for Commission to review it.

396 Main Street, Nan Parati – Elmer's store kitchen expansion. Signed off.

7. Reviewed model rules for hiring an outside consultant. General consensus that we should adopt these rules. PL recommended discussion with the Selectboard, Town Treasurer and Town Administrator. Note that MACC has compiled these rules and recommends Commissions adopt them. PL recommends adding language about covering expenses for consultant bidding process.

8. PL Certificate of Compliance request from Louie Pagono was for an older job. PL will research the file for the correct information.

9. Based on feedback from Mark Stinson about the applicability of Emergency Orders, Commission should have Park Commission submit an RDA for invasive weed removal. BC will follow up with them. Will be good for 3 years.

10. AM made a motion to adjourn at 9 pm, JC seconded; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Madocks