

**Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2014**

Present: Lester Garvin, Chair (LG)  
Phil Lussier (PL)  
Brian Clark (BC)  
Janet Clark (JC)

Guests: Adam Bright (AB), Phyllis Kirkpatrick (PK)

Members Absent: David Fessenden

The meeting is called to order at 7:56 pm.

1. Board reviewed minutes from May 14. They were approved unanimously, with minor correction.
2. Discussion ensued about absence of scribe Brittany Martin. She is not expected to return due to personal reasons. PL agreed to take the minutes for the time being. LG said he would be asking someone to take over.
3. An RDA hearing was opened at 8:12 to review the building permit application for Double Edge Theater's barn foundation repair at 948 Conway Rd. AB presented the plan. It involves pouring approx. 6 footings for interior support together with an exterior wall. The barn is within 33 feet of a small drainage which is currently within a cow pasture. The commission discussed the opinion that the project could move forward as a negative determination with reason 3 being checked. That is, it is within the buffer zone but with no foreseeable threat to the resource provided conditions are followed. It was agreed that some kind of sediment barrier would be one of the conditions. Because of the cattle it was suggested that a filter sock would be preferable. AB offered to move the fence back to the opposite side of the drainage. JC also requested that excavated soil not be left where it could move into the resource area with heavy rains. The hearing was closed at 8:30.
4. PK approached the commission for help filling out a vernal pool certification application. PL explained that the photos she had taken of wood frog egg masses would be sufficient if she was able to certify that up to a minimum of 5 egg masses had been observed. He pointed out that a series of photos showing the entire pool was required as well. LG offered suggestions on how she could obtain the coordinates of the pool which was also a requirement of the application.
5. The commission reviewed an online building permit application for 38 Barnes Rd. It was decided by consulting the Mass GIS website that the proposed area for construction of an addition to the house would be outside of the buffer zone and potential riverfront of the nearest stream. The permit was approved.
6. BC moved to adjourn, PL seconded and all voted in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 9:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,