

**Ashfield Conservation Commission
August 9, 2017**

Members Present: Lester Garvin, Chair (LG) Phil Lussier (PL) Brian Clark (BC) Janet Clark (JC)	Others Present:
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1. LG called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.
2. Notice of a beaver dam breach permitted by an emergency declaration was sent to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). A power line was flooded. Mark Stinson of the DEP asked for information, specifically who made the declaration. He has been clear in the past that the Board of Health is the only body that can do that. In this case the Board of Health made that declaration, and the Commission did look at the site.
3. Ty & Bond RDA arrived concerning extensive work along the power line. The work will involve clearing of trees and earth moving in resource areas, which make up about 20% of the project route. We also noted that map # 56 relative to work in our well-protection zone was not included in this RDA. It was our assessment that this project will need to undergo the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Act (MEPA) process. We will advertise for a hearing next meeting.
4. Approved online:
 - 1170 Bay Hill (Catherine Fait-Bakey)
 - 49 Hill Rd. (John Perkins)
 - Pieropan land
5. PL will ask the Selectboard for funds to pay for a scribe.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Janet Clark