

**Ashfield Conservation Commission
December 14, 2016**

Members Present:

Lester Garvin, Chair (LG)

Janet Clark (JC)

Phil Lussier (PL)

Anne Capra (AC)

Members Absent:

Brian Clark (BC)

1. LG called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.
2. Reviewed minutes of 11/9/16. PL moved to accept the minutes as edited; JC seconded; approved unanimous.
3. Russ Evans called LG at home and left a message that Conway was allowing snowmobile trails. He also called DEP and complained about a bridge being installed. Dave Thibault said they were not installing a bridge. David Cameron from DEP contacted LG to follow up on a complaint. Both LG and PL stated to Mr. Cameron that he should follow up directly with the person that made the complaint. PL told Cameron about the Conservation Commission's policy about snowmobile bridges that we discussed with Mark Stinson last month. Pursuant to PL's conversation, Cameron appeared favorable to our policy.
4. PL and LG performed a site visit at John Pylant's house. PL informed him that since he is so close to the BVW, he really should contact the Commission prior to filing a building permit. All of the work is fully interior so it is unclear why the Commission received a request to sign off on the permit. PL sent an email to Chris Brothers at the FRCOG Building Department and asked why some building permits are sent to us and others are not. JC will contact her and see if she can get any info from her.
5. Judy Haupt, Park Commission – DCR grant to enhance trail system at Belding Memorial Park. The Student Conservation Association (SCA) is writing the scope and doing the labor. The Park Commission wants to expand the project to include trail repair at the north end of the trail by adding stone steps down the slope to the lake. Also seeking some vista pruning along the trail. AC will work with Judy to develop an RDA for submittal at the next meeting.
6. Mary Quigley, Burton Hill Road – Plans to convert a barn to an accessory dwelling, to be connected to the main building. The work proposed is a covered walkway to connect the buildings, and an expanded leach field. The corner of the barn is 14' from the top of the bank, and approximately 60' from the river. Conversion of lawn to a single family dwelling accessory use is an exempt activity under the WPA so long as the work is 50' or more from the high water mark. There is Priority Habitat along the South River, and a MESA filing may be required. An RDA is needed. Next meeting is January 11th. RDA due by January 3rd, advertised by the 5th. AC sent her a link to the DEP website with the RDA form.
7. Lyle and Heather Gray, 323 Apple Valley Road – building permit for greenhouse. To be built approximately 100' from the river. Project appears to be an exempt minor activity.
8. 8:45pm JC motion to adjourn, PL seconded; unanimous.