

**Ashfield Conservation Commission
MINUTES
February 25, 2015**

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

1. LG called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.
2. MACC Meeting – DF plans to attend.
3. DF moved to extend hearing on the Smith Branch Road NOI hearing; BC seconded; unanimous.
4. Online Building Permits – No new building permits.
5. Mail – New York Conservationist magazine.
6. 8:00 PM LG opened the hearing for 1484 Hawley Road RDA, Michael DiBella owner. Tom Brulee, forester, in attendance. DF read the legal notice. The owner is proposing to cut the non-mast trees to create a shrub-herb wildlife habitat along the edge of an old field. Propose to manage the cut with hand tools and/or goats. Approximately ½ acre proposed for cut. Some old apple trees in the vicinity that will be left. Project does not appear to be within a resource area. DF commended the owner for seeking review and proper permission of the project. BC moved to close hearing; DF seconded; LG will issue a Negative Determination of Applicability.
7. BC motion to adjourn; DF seconded; unanimous.