

**Ashfield Conservation Commission
May 25, 2016**

Members Present: Lester Garvin, Chair (LG) Phil Lussier (PL) Brian Clark (BC) Anne Capra (AC)	Members Absent: Janet Clark (JC)
Others Present: Howard Rimbach, 286 Creamery Road (HR)	

1. LG called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.
2. Reviewed minutes of 4/27/16 meeting. BC moved to approve minutes as amended, PL seconded; unanimous. Reviewed minutes of 5/11/16 meeting. BC moved to accept; PL seconded; unanimous.
3. Three RDAs will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
4. Peter Corens, 607 Beldingville Road, RDA Negative Determination of Applicability #2 – Ground mounted solar array is in the Riverfront Area but no impact to resource. Members present signed the Determination.
5. Peter Wiitanen, 1591 Conway Road, RDA Negative Determination of Applicability #3 - minor exempt activity in the Riverfront Area. Members present signed the Determination.
6. Sheralyn Scott, 8 Bronson Avenue, OOC – Comments from Mark Stinson via email 5/19/16:
 - a. On page 2, add book and page for Deed. PL made edits to OOC.
 - b. All dates must be filled in. PL made edits to OOC.
 - c. Findings must be checked off under B(1), except for shellfish. PL made edits to OOC.
 - d. Clarify Riverfront alteration under B(9). PL made edits to OOC to correct the sq.ft. of the alteration.
7. Howard Rimbach, 286 Creamery Road, Rimbach Garage – Building lot on corner of Creamery Road and Briar Hill Road. Part of it is within 200 feet of Creamery Brook. HR -Can I build here? PL - Building could be constructed outside of the Riverfront Area. LG asked how he handles waste oil and antifreeze at his garage. When was the permit to do business issued and for how many cars? HR - 15 cars, expanded some years later to 23 cars. He has been in business 40 years, local customers, repairs cars to sell. LG counted cars recently and number of cars exceeded 30. PL pulled out Priority Habitat maps and Creamery Brook is mapped within this area.

HR also owns land across the street, and would be within the 200' Riverfront Area. LG recommended Mr. Rimbach consult a wetland scientist to work with him to identify what is feasible on the lot and the level and type of permitting needed. Mr. Rimbach is also interested in putting an addition on his garage. LG recommended he work with a wetland scientist to evaluate what would be feasible.
8. Online Building Permits – Gretchen Gerstner, 1017 Bug Hill Road – Remove rotted upper and lower decks, replace decks. PL located site on MassGIS OLIVER. Closest resource area (wetland) was over 600' away. BC signed permit online.
9. PL moved to adjourn, AC seconded, unanimous. 8:45pm