

Approved 10/12/16

**Ashfield Conservation Commission
September 28, 2016**

Members Present:

Lester Garvin, Chair (LG)
Brian Clark (BC)
Janet Clark (JC)
Anne Capra (AC)

Members Absent:

Phil Lussier (PL)

1. LG called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.
2. Reviewed minutes of August 10, 2016. BC moved to approve; JC seconded. Reviewed minutes of August 24, 2016. BC moved to approve, JC seconded, unanimous.
3. BC talked to Stuart Harris about Claire Cournard permit to build a barn. Location is uphill from the house and therefore several hundred feet away from the wetland. BC approved the building permit.
4. Eversource response from Devleena Ghosh-Brower
JC read the letter LG submitted to Devleena. LG read her response which stated that DEP is conducting a review of their project (David Foulis and David Cameron) and that they are leading the review. JC suggested Con Comm should contact DEP (Mark Stinson) and find out what the status of their review is. We will table the discussion until Phil returns since he is the lead on this.
5. Ford Pond Dam Emergency Certification -Alan Lily contacted AC about concerns about the status of the dam. LG conducted a site visit and observed water leaking through the control structure and dam. LG issued an Emergency Certification and submitted to Mark Stinson at DEP. Stinson stated the Con Comm did not have any authority to issue the Certificate without a plan from an engineer from the Office of Dam Safety. LG notified Alan Lily who contacted Dam Safety. Dam Safety stated the work was maintenance and to proceed. JC suggested we email Mark Stinson with the response from Dam Safety and inform him of the outcome.
6. LG presented an email from Kimberly Noake MacPhee at Franklin Regional Council of Governments about the South River restoration in Conway Center. She would like to attend an upcoming meeting to provide an update about the project. AC will contact her for more details.
7. JC read an email from John Root informing the Con Comm that he is seeking a grant to perform a gardening or landscaping workshop and requested an endorsement from the Conservation Commission for his grant application. AC will email him and get some more information.
8. Online building permits - BC checked the website and found no new permit applications.

8:45 pm Motion to adjourn from BC; JC seconded; unanimous

Meeting Documents:

8/26/16 email from Devleena Ghosh-Brower, Eversource Energy to Lester Garvin
9/26/16 email from Kimberly Noake MacPhee, FRCOG to Lester Garvin
9/19/16 email from John Root to Lester Garvin