

**Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2012**

Present: Lester Gavin, Chair (LG)
Dave Fessenden (DF)
Brian Clark (BC)
Phil Lussier (PL)
Brittany Martin (BM)
Tracy Miner (TM)

The meeting is called to order at 7:39pm.

1. Board reviews the March 28, 2012 minutes. PL moves to accept the amended minutes, BC seconds and all vote in favor.
2. Board discusses the resource area on town land south of town hall. PL and LG will walk the property April 12, 2012. They will want a second opinion if concerns are raised about the land.
3. Board discusses Culvert Replacement on ROW to South Ashfield Cemetery. The Ashfield Burial Ground Association will have to rebuild the culvert; there is no interest in trying to restore it.
4. Director of Asset Management at Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority, TM discusses that the maintenance staff has concerns about the lower lot of the Ashfield House which abuts the stream.
 - a. TM presents a detailed request for each cut that they would like to make; 12 limbs and one Elm tree.
 - b. The closest tree is 7' from the stream.
 - c. They would like to make the cuts within the next 30 days.
 - d. TM states that the debris will be disposed of on other land.
 - e. TM agrees to call WT prior to removal of limbs/tree.
 - f. The board reviews the request from the Ashfield House and based upon safety issues, their proposed work is appropriate and should go forward as soon as possible.
 - g. PL motions to approve the request based on public safety, BC seconds the motion and all vote in favor.
5. Board discusses On-Line building permit. If a site plan is required and is not included in the applicant's application, board member will check the incomplete box.
6. WT met with Heath Hutchinson, an experienced tree arborist, who made the judgment that there wouldn't be a big impact on the land for the tree cutting proposal next to Ashfield Lake. WT gave them the go ahead.
7. PL motions to adjourn the meeting, BC seconds and all vote in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany Martin