

**Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2012**

Present: Lester Garvin, Chair (LG)
Will Thayer (WT)
Phil Lussier (PL)
Dave Fessenden (DF)
Robin Pease (RP)
Wendy Sweetser (WS)
Brittany Martin (BM)

The meeting is called to order at 7:46pm.

1. Board reviews the May 9, 2012 minutes. DF moves to accept the amended minutes, PL seconds and all vote in favor.
2. RP discusses the Sanderson Academy Fire Pond. The existing pond is overgrown and needs to be cleaned up because they would like to utilize it. To-date, the pond is unusable. RP would like to chip the brush and trees, remove the silt out of area, flush out the dry hydrant and topsoil all disturbed areas to get it back into a working Fire Pond. Board discusses that it was intended as a Fire Pond and it needs to be maintained as such. LG suggests RP send an application with the approximate area, parcel number and a check in the amount of \$50 to the Conservation Commission. LG also suggests RP send a copy of the application to the DEP Springfield address.
3. Board discusses Ray Gray's Fire Pond. The fire pond has an intake from the nearby stream. Ray Gray is trying to improve the fire pond and make more usable by making the stream deeper (not expand it), clean out the debris and putting in a dry hydrant. If possible Ray Gray would like to disconnect it while working on the stream. Board will have a more formal discussion with Ray Gray when he is available.
4. Wendy Sweetser discusses new trails and construction of two bridges on the Bullitt Reservation trail to Chapel. NOI has been filled out. WS has received verbal permission from Calvin Clark (one abutter) and the MA Department of Fish and Game to connect the two existing trails. The two bridges will be placed on existing abutments so there will be no disturbance to the banks they will lay on. WS needs to receive a file number from the DEP in order to have a hearing. WS will contact the DEP and start that process tomorrow, May 24, 2012.
5. Board discusses On-Line building permit. PL received one from Mary Quigley, there is not enough information to make a decision. There will have to be a site visit or a more detailed site plan. LG signed off on Justin Lively's project for a deck replacement and the addition of a secondary deck.
6. Board reviews mail.
7. PL motions to adjourn the meeting, WT seconds and all vote in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 8:28 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Brittany Martin