

**Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2012**

Present: Lester Garvin, Chair (LG)
Will Thayer (WT)
Brian Clark (BC)
Phil Lussier (PL)
Brittany Martin (BM)

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

1. Board reviews the April 25, 2012 minutes. PL moves to accept the amended minutes, BC seconds and all vote in favor.
2. Board discusses the Route 116 Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan Byway Committee meeting at the Ashfield Town Hall on May 15, 2012. Board would be responsible for discussing the natural resources of Ashfield. PL will attend to contribute for the Board.
3. Board discusses the resource areas on town land south of the town hall. PL visited the site. If the town would like to expand the fire station or put in a parking lot, PL would like a second opinion from a wetlands scientist.
4. Board discusses the tree trimming on the Ashfield House property, which is under management of the Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority. WT was with Mark Fortier, an employee of the Housing Authority, for one hour when he did the most dangerous part of the trimming. It appears that the trimming has been completed.
5. Board discusses field restoration on Pratt land. BC states the restoration is in progress, most of manure has been removed next to the stream. Once that is completed, they will clean up the rest of the rubble. They also wanted to fix part of the bank up the stream where the cattle were crossing.
6. Board discusses On-Line building permit. An application from Justin Lively was submitted; it didn't come through with any information that PL could use to sign off on it. LG will visit the site. The project is for a deck replacement and a secondary deck. Board is concerned about the land being on the riverfront on the Bear River. LG will make a map and speak with Justin about it.
7. Board discusses Charles Markarian of West Road, who had asked about building a temporary bridge over a ditch like stream to have access to the land he intends to build an earth shelter on. LG will inform Charles that he needs to file a NOI and limited project. LG will assure him the law provides him access to this lot but he needs to follow the proper procedure.
8. LG motions to adjourn the meeting, WT seconds and all vote in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 8:21 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Brittany Martin