

**Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2011**

Present: Lester Garvin, Chair (LG)  
Phil Lussier (PL)  
Brian Clark (BC)  
David Fessenden (DF)  
Will Thayer (WT)

Others Present:

The meeting is called to order at 7:35 pm.

1. Commission reviews and accepts the August 24, 2011 meeting minutes.
2. Discussion of Aug. 24, 2011 meeting minutes. LG comments that he has an impression that L. Roberts plans to construct an agricultural building, therefore requiring a building permit. If this is the case, the Commission would need to review the permit.
3. Review of mail (new certified vernal pool in Ashfield).
4. BC reports that the Cherdak's 1180 Hawley Rd. mounded septic system installation project has stalled because they are seeking an exemption from the DEP for their Presby system (2-foot depth, instead of 4-foot depth). The Commission discusses that a RDA will be required and the hearing is tentatively scheduled for the next meeting. BC will speak with the Cherdaks.
5. The Commission discusses the road repair work after Tropical Storm Irene and how best to file with the DEP. LG will speak with Tom Poissant about itemizing what has been repaired. PL states that he is concerned that FEMA and NEMA reimbursements might be tied to having completed appropriate paperwork. It seems as if road repair projects will need to be retroactively filed. PL offers to email the Commission the proactive directive / abbreviated form issued by the DEP before TS Irene hit.
6. Building Permits – Applicants on Hill Rd. would like to build a house, but their plans do not indicate where the house will go on the plot. PL will speak with the applicant.

Murray Rd. – Peter Curtiss is interested in installing a farm pond under 5000 square feet. LG met with him and reviewed the site. PL comments that if there is a brook running out of the lowland, then it is jurisdictional. PL suggests that the applicant seek guidance from the Soil Conservation Service. PL will arrange for a site visit – LG and WT are also interested in attending.

7. Paul Tacy (Rt. 116) would like to return brook / surrounding area to pre-storm condition. PL suggests that this could be filed under an Emergency Order.

Meeting adjourns at 9:00 pm.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Sussbauer