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**ADAMS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman James Fassell, and Commission Members Brian Bishop, Tom Robinson, David Lipinski, Tammie Shafer and Natasha Bordeaux

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Fassell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Discussion to review recommendations for a possible MA Wetlands Protection Act violation on a site off of Burlingame Hill Road.

Chairman Fassell read a correspondence submitted to the Conservation Commission Office from Ecological Consultant, Bill Lattrell regarding the findings pertaining to a site visit performed at Burlingame Hill with members to assist them in their decision-making process regarding a violation at this property. Chairman Fassell requested that each member state their individual decision after viewing the submitted photographs taken of the site.

Member Lipinski began by stating that he observed that the cat tails were cut around the pond, showing concern that this was a violation of the Wetland's Protection Act, and continued to note that the landowner should be made aware of this. He stated that this was a "repeat violation," and recommended that a penalty should be put in place.

Member Bordeaux stated that she had regularly driven by the area and had observed dump trucks removing material from the site. She emphasized that something needed to be done.

Member Bishop stated that the individual worked the entire perimeter of the pond and noted that they should be made to restore the damage that they caused while emphasizing that they were repeat offenders and the Commission members should be informed as to the next steps that should be taken to avoid reoccurrence of this violation.

Member Robinson stated that the Conservation Commission had dealt with the individual many times in the past and emphasized that they "completely disregard our concerns and the environmental regulations pertaining to that pond." He stated that they should take whatever measures are possible to prevent this from happening again.

Member Shafer stated that she had driven by the on many occasions and had observed repeated "disturbance" in that area. She agreed with the other members that a penalty should be an option.

Chairman Fassell stated that he would like the Conservation Commission to accept the recommendations made by Mr. Lattrell.

Chairman Fassell told the members that Mr. Stinson from MA DEP stated to him that he would accompany him and speak to the homeowner if it became necessary. Member Bishop suggested that they meet in a location other than on his property.

Conservation Commission members signed an Enforcement Order for the property at Burlingame Hill. Chairman Fassell addressed Members Shafer and Robinson who participated remotely to ask them if one of the members present could sign their names in place of them. Both members agreed.

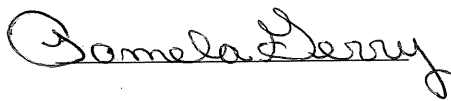
**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:** Chairman Fassell stated that Mr. Picard who had leased property at 215 Gould Road was in the process of cleaning out the area that had burned down in a previous fire. He let the board members know that he mentioned to Mr. Picard that he required a permit to perform that type of work and he chose not to move forward with the completion of the job. Member Bishop stated that he would have required permission from the owners before he performed the work.

Chairman Fassell stated that he would like to see the silt fence that was in place to remain at the newly constructed home located on property at 423 West Road until next year.

Member Bishop asked if there were any updates on the four-wheeler track on West Road. Chairman Fassell stated that it was a valid complaint.

**ADJOURN:** A motion made by Member Lipinski, seconded by Member Bishop to adjourn the meeting, passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



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