

Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of February 1, 2017

The meeting was opened at 7:30pm with Tim Bauman, Bob Leary, Roberta Flashman and Cathy Kristofferson in attendance.

The minutes of the meeting of January 18, 2017 were reviewed and accepted unanimously. The minutes of January 24, 2017 were reviewed, amended and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: \$8.09 for certified mail. \$67.50 Mulford NOI

Correspondence:

1-25-2017 an announcement of new services available from Janet Morrison, J.D.,M.S. of Land Conservation Services.

1-25- 2017 MACC reminder for registration for the Annual Environmental Conference in Worcester, Saturday, March 4, 2017. Cathy notes: Click that you need an invoice so that they will create one invoice for Ashby.

1-17-2017 Jennifer Collins - the 2017 Standard Mileage Rates are \$.535/mile for business miles.

1-20-2017 MACC, an up-date of the status of the proposed Letter to Governor Baker re Natural Gas Pipelines

1-24-2017 MACC, Conservation Quarterly: the MACC member magazine.

1-24-2017 Environmental Monitoring Report - Weeks 19 & 20, Cassiopeia Solar Farm - 0 & 1128 Main Street

1-25-2017 Meghan Hassett, Impact Campaign Organizer, Environment Massachusetts asking for a response to a "Strengthening Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative". A motion was made and 2nd to sign the letter. Vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

1-25-2017 The MRPC is working with the Montachusett Regional Trails Coalition (MRTC) on a trail connection prioritization list. Discussion: The Town of Ashby has not added any additional municipal trails.

1-30- 2017 ARC News & ArcUser magazines.

1-31- 2017 NOI from Stuart Mulford, 71 Russell Hill Rd. Prepared by SoilSmith. Tim will contact the consultant and set up a site visit and ask that it be staked. Set the Hearing for Feb 15, 2017 @ 8:00pm

2-1- 2017 Cutting Plan for Philip Fors, 1300 Richardson Rd. Prepared by Chas. Perna. Reviewed the plan. Looks fine.

Old Business:

No further discussion regarding development of a new Driveway Permit and process. Tim will continue to try to schedule a discussion with Steve Beauregard.

Brodmerkle NOI – The Commission determined that the NOI was incomplete. The NOI was denied as a result. There was no information within the NOI of how the project was brought into compliance with the Wetlands Protection Act by covering the entrance to and exit from a culvert and minorly filling a wetland.

New Business: none

Hearings: none

Hearings Scheduled:

Feb 15, 2017 @ 8:00pm NOI from Stuart Mulford, 71 Russell Hill Rd. Plans drawn by SoilSmith.

Site Visits: none

Site Visits Needed:

Stuart Mulford, 71 Russell Hill Rd

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman.