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Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of August 17, 2011

Meeting opened at 7:30pm with Tim, Roberta, Cathy in attendance

Minutes of the meeting of August 3, 2011. Accepted unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: nothing to report.

Correspondence:

Received from DEP (Phil Nadeau) a copy of the Water Quality Certificate for 873 Main Street (Rainville property)

NOI for septic replacement at 550 Main Street received from Beauchemin Engineering. Property owned by William and Marjorie Tilson.

Old Business:

Rene Rainville came in to check on the 873 Main St. project. Verified that we have received the DEP 401WQ report; Agreed that at the scheduled pre-con set for Friday 7:30am, Einno Pernaa, engineering firm rep, Neal Anderson, the well driller, will be in attendance. Neal will be on the project for the conservation issues and serve as the Environmental Control Monitor. Rene would like Neal off once this is done. ConCom concerned that ECM will need to be there through stabilization which may not happen this growing season. The ECM log required (and defined) in the Orders is nothing formal.

Signed the Orders for the Lightfoot property on Turnpike Road. Hand delivered and reviewed the Orders with Sue & Bud Lightfoot in attendance.

Tim met with Chris Ryan and Alan Pease 8-18-11 for further discussion of unified permitting plans. Chris will send Tim an updated document reflecting what he gathered from the meeting.

Regarding the Building Permit application for renovations at 854 South Road, Cathy and Tim met with Building Inspector 8-10-11 to discuss the "NA" recorded for the wetland buffer zone check off. It was agreed to have the Inspector call the applicant to explain that changing the roof would require ConCom involvement. (As will other similar external renovations in future applications). The applicant called Tim the next day to discuss the roof changes. They want to add pitch to the now flat roof because they don't want to shovel snow. Tim explained the probable need for drip lines or the like. When the plan is done, ConCom will be called to schedule a site visit. No external work can occur on the project until site visit and plan review.

Cathy followed up with Alan Pease re: the survey and open space per capita for the Ashby OSRP draft-edits, following the meeting with Cara Sanford (Americacorp worker with NRWA). Alan didn't have information on either. Roberta has tabulation of 2nd survey so she will email to the others. We will need to figure out what the per capita open space is to add to the document.

Valley road culvert wall repair, Highway Department: Tim talked with Bill Davis. They have FEMA money which will let them reconstruct but not pour concrete. They can take out the rock that is there, and replace. Tim explained Roberta's idea of gabion rocks wire cages. Tim will remind Bill Davis that there are some down by the 31 Store that he could review and emulate.

New Business:

MA State SCORP update: The state is hosting a web survey for Commonwealth residents / Community Official's Survey. ConCom members will each do resident + official that way we will get 8 entries.

Tim Beachimen Dropped off NOI 117 Kendall Hill Sally Ross MRPC septic replacement.

Bruce Adams – 864 South Rd. 1) would like to take out erosion controls along the side of deck where there is a swale running between the silt fence and the abutting garage causing a river running down to the Reservoir and the first 10' along the back. Grass is established and stabilized. In the same day, they would like to take it out the erosion controls and put in large rocks. Need to put something in so the rip rap under the deck isn't washed away. 2) Bruce had Central Mass. Tree inspect the benchmark oak protected by an Order in the OOC. He says the tree is not getting enough water. Bruce doesn't want liability for the tree. He feels it's dead and should come down. Is the tree within the town's 25' from the center of the road? Bruce to call the Ashby Tree Warden. Justin has a call into Curtis Tree Service for a consultation. Commission does not grant permission to take it down. Roberta feels its condition should be revisited in the spring. Bruce will let us know what the Tree Warden says.

Permit Extension Act issues:

Jones Hill Rd. Draper request for OOC extension for their logging road. DEP sent Draper email saying that they had been automatically extended. Draper wants written confirmation.

Extension also requested for Bill Ross for Orders which expired in 2010 but were in effect during the Permit Extension Act period. So automatically extended to 2012.

Do Orders that have been automatically extended by the Permit Extension Act qualify for further extension upon expiration? Tim will check with DEP.

Cathy will try making a one page document of DEP's FAQ pages to give to those requesting information about extensions.

Tim will be having his other knee replaced. Should he take a leave of absence to make the quorum 2 of 3 active members? Need to bring Bob in on the discussion. 6-8wks somewhat immobile.

We have not received the promised updated cutting plans for 871 Fitchburg State Road incorporating the issues discussed onsite. Tim will call the logger.

Hearings:

8:00 PM, 550 Main Street, NOI for septic replacement. Beauchemin Engineering, Tim Beauchemin appeared. Cathy will write the OOC.

8:30 PM, 337 County Road, NOI for septic replacement. Ross Associates, Neil Gorman appeared with applicant John Dembrowski. Cathy will write the OOC

Hearings Scheduled:

9/7 8:00pm 117 Kendall Hill Rd. MRPC septic replacement; Beauchemin Engineering.

Site Visits:

8-5-11, 337 County Road for septic replacement proposed by Ross Associates. Property owned by John and Michele Dembrowski. Cathy and Tim along with N. Gorman and owner.

8-8-11, 871 Fitchburg State Road, Cutting Plan for John Shammass, 31 acres. Seeking permission to locate a temporary access road about 70 feet to the south to avoid displacing the driveway and play-yard and creating concerns with an old septic (dry well) and limit the hazards to the children living on the property. Cathy and Tim with Jack Jackson/DCR and Lyle Brundige/logger. Also present abutter Bill Miller who is concerned about increased water in his cellar with access road located close to his property line. The culverted driveway to the house is too narrow for logging trucks to use. The access road pre-exists this cut, just somewhat grown in. Changes to cutting plan agreed to: silt fence & straw bales to protect wetland area abutting Rt31 and the access road; rip rap pad at entrance off Rt31; after the cut will divert the access road to aid in water flow toward culvert, will do something to dissuade ATV use of the access road, and will remove the temporary bridge and poles from stream crossings. Lyle will send updated cutting plan. Also, abutter concerned about the location of the property bound – believes it's off by 10'. Lyle will check into the surveyed bounds.

Site Visits Needed:

117 Kendall Hill Rd. MRPC septic replacement; Beauchemin Engineering

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Kristofferson