

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of January 5, 2011
Ashby Town Hall, 895 Main St, Land Use room, 7:30 PM

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

Review of the minutes of the meeting of December 1, 2010. Accepted unanimously as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: 8.29 petty cash; 67.50 WPA NOI fee; still holding Stockfarm check

Correspondence:

Received from Ross Associates, (N. Gorman) an NOI for septic replacement at 445 Fitchburg State Road. Hearing scheduled pending site visit.

Received from Fitchburg Water Dept, NOI for dam repair. Hearing scheduled.

Old Business:

Forest Legacy up-date:

1. The 12-18-10 meeting to review the CR for Tract 7 went very well. The CR is now just waiting on landowner approval before forwarding to their legal counsel. Legal counsel needs to add the legal description appendix.
2. Al Futterman/NRWA emailed to say that Kathleen O'Donnell has offered pro bono help on the 3rd party MOA.
3. Motion made and voted for purchasing monitoring binders for the FL projects. These will be for the subset of the BDR used at the annual monitoring site visit.

Reminder for the Blood Hill Management Committee scheduled to meet on 1-11-11. No additional specific concerns have been brought forward. Bob and Cathy have been sworn-in. Lorraine will email Roberta regarding her research on the status of the Open Space Committee (that Committee's seat on the BHMC remains empty).

Ollie Mutch and Ray Jackson looked at the culvert on the trail at Blood Hill. They feel the culvert is okay, just blocked. Need some way of cleaning it out. The Blood Hill Management Committee would need to submit an NOI if they were to proceed with the repair/cleanout.

The COC for Mike Bussell at 584 Main Street remains on hold pending removal of the silt fence.

ConCom budget preparation for FY12. Additional information and worksheet from the Town Accountant and Admin. Assist. Commission reviewed the proposed budget and agreed to request level funding.

Discussion and any action needed for signage on CR properties.

Wooden signs for Damon and Lyman – Estimate is \$340 for both. Roberta feels too expensive.

Boundary markers - Roberta talked with Voss Signs. Diamond, same size and color as wetland markers with Forest Legacy logo. ~\$250

If we have only money enough for one, Tim believes the wooden signs take precedence. Tim moves that we seek clarification on the cost of the wooden boards.

Do we want Forest Legacy or generic boundary signs? FL message. Tim thinks we need to wait until next year. The FL properties will have the free FL sign available from the FL program.

MACC Newsletter announcing the March 5, 2011 Spring Conference. (CD Handbook) All course submitted to Cathy so she will get a check from the Town Account.

New Business:

Discussion of termination of Google wave. Cathy has downloaded our two enforcement logs. We will need to research some other online option for sharing documents and logging.

Phil Nadeau/DEP called, heated, re: received an internal DEP report of drilling a well on 873 Main St. Tim explained that the Commission had already asked that nothing be done further without a submitted NOI for the full plan for the full site. Apparently Rene Rainville is working with DEP for public water supply permitting but has not submitted anything to the Commission. DEP pretty upset.

Hearings:

8:00 PM, NOI for Ashby Res. Dam maintenance/repair from Fitchburg Water Dept. Denis Meunier.
(Site visit held on 12-11-10) DEP # 93-321

8:30 PM, NOI for septic replacement at 445 Fitchburg State Road from Ross Associates, T. Blanchard owner. DEP # 93-322

Hearings Scheduled:

March 2, 8:00 PM, continuation Ashby Res. Dam maintenance/repair, Fitchburg Water Dept.

Site Visits:

Thursday 12-30-10, 584 Main Street, silt fences not removed. TIM.

Monday 12/20 8:30am; Bruce Adams' property at 545 Richardson Road. There is currently blue flagging on site done by Ross Associates. Bruce requesting verification of the flagging. No plan yet but flagging is numbered so it will match up later on. Bob, Roberta, Cathy, Tim and Bruce Adams.

1/4/11 – Pomerleau/Allen Rd. Silt fences in disrepair; dirt piles within the wetland buffer; Tim to call.

1/4/11 - 445 Fitchburg State Road, Ross Associates, (N. Gorman) NOI for septic replacement.

Site Visits Needed:

Ashby Stock Farm, pond

NOI pending, 873 Main Street, Rane Rainville.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Kristofferson