

Ashby Conservation Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting of November 2, 2011

Meeting opened at 7:30 with Cathy Kristofferson, Bob Leary and Roberta Flashman in attendance.

Minutes of the meeting of October 19, 2011 were reviewed and accepted as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** nothing to report.

**Correspondence:**

Cathy received a call from Holly Kulik on Jones Hill Rd about neighbor plowing driveway. Decision to take no action in the middle of the Nor'easter.

Roberta received a call from Stephen Hague on Richardson Rd about a barn expansion. Set up site visit.

Cathy received a call from the Attorney for 89 Jewett Hill Rd who is requesting a Certificate of Compliance. Cathy Sent her the form and condition information and notes from the hearing. The Order of Condition notes that a Cert of Compliance can only be issued if all construction is contained behind a retaining wall. Need a site visit.

**Old Business:**

Bob has pre-drilled all the signs and posts and is ready for the installation. Questions about the best position for the Lyman property sign so that it does not interfere with Mr. Gelinas's enter to the front property. Bob will check with Hunter Gelinas and next-door neighbor to see which one will allow the sign.

Lorraine Pease reminds all Commissioners that the Ethics online course must be completed.

**New Business:**

Bruce Adams – Linda Lakso has moved furniture into the South Rd home with permission of the building inspector. Grass is growing and Bruce has completed the job. Will be waiting until the spring until review for Certificate of Compliance. Will leave siltation barriers in place through the winter. Will construct a path to the beach, probably with flat stones and steps.

Bruce Adams – Richardson Rd. Parcel 62.6 and 62.7 Map 14. Bruce is having a plan drawn up, but not ready tonight. Septic system design. Looking for septic permit before the end of November when he will purchase the property. These are the last lots on Richardson Rd on the Ashby/Fitchburg line. He is combining these 2 lots to be one building lot. There is a 3<sup>rd</sup> lot, not under discussion tonight. The lot in the middle had a permit in 1988, which was extended in 1990 for 2 more years – expired in June 1992. Bruce would like the Commission's sign off on wetland bounds so that he can proceed to BOH. Bruce will mark the septic system and furthest extent of the work. Will have the plan ready sometime next week. Bruce will call the Commission for a site visit when he's ready.

Marie Gulliford submitted a Request for Determination of Applicability on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>. Looking for determination of whether a perimeter fence is possible wetlands impact. Roberta and Cathy had conducted a site visit on the property and found that the request for a fence would not be in violation of the wetlands protection act if installed as described in the RDA. Cathy will issue the negative Determination. Cathy will call Marie to give her the exact date (Nov 16<sup>th</sup>) so that she can advertise the Determination.

Forest Legacy – Tract 7 is all ready to go. However, the State has yet to finalize their new payment process. So, it is hard for the project to move forward until that is defined.

Cathy attended the Department Head meeting – Thur. Oct 27<sup>th</sup>. 7 vacant lots are in tax taking. 5 are new and may be paid. 2 are old and more likely to be available. Cathy will look up to see where and

what they are. BOH is supposed to move to basement to make room for the Police Chief to move into their room. – Cathy will ask if they can move into the land room.

Search for new Lands Agent is moving on.

Dennis Moore is worried about the vernal pool on his property. In last 2 years he hasn't seen any salamanders. He will allow Paula and Cathy to look for eggs in the spring.

**Hearings:** None

**Hearings Scheduled:** none

**Site Visits:**

10/29/11 Bob and Roberta – Richardson Rd, Stephen Hague on barn expansion. Bob and Roberta asked Steve to submit a Req for Det. Of Applicability for the expansion. They asked that he list his promise that the horse grazing area will be pulled out of the 50 ft buffer to Willard Brook as one of the mitigating factors in allowing the expansion of the barn. Roberta sent the form and Cathy sent the advertising document.

10/28/11 Cathy conducted pre-construction site visit on 117 Kendall Hill Rd for Sally Ross. No DEP sign and no construction pad. Contractor made an entrance way through the middle of the property straight down from the street – down a steep embankment. Existing roadway wasn't specified on the plan to be the entrance to the work site. Cathy spoke with Tim Beauchemin. Then got call from installer – put sign up, some crush stone for construction pad, won't take down any trees, path will stay but he will replicate terracing when he's done.

10/20/11 – 28 Wellington – check for wetlands filling. None seen. Presumed that the area was not a protectable wetland as there is a septic system next to it.

**Site Visits Needed:**

Sunday, Nov 6 @ 8:30 - 89 Jewett Hill Rd – Certificate of Compliance.

TBD - Bruce Adams – Richardson Rd. Parcel 62.6 and 62.7 Map 14.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman