

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of January 19, 2011
Ashby Town Hall, 895 Main St, Land Use room, 7:30 PM

The meeting was opened at 7:30pm with Tim, Cathy, and Bob in attendance. Roberta joined at 7:42pm.

Review of the minutes of the meeting of January 5, 2011 accepted unanimously with correction.

Treasurer's Report: nothing new; still holding the check for the Stockfarm awaiting NOI

Correspondence:

NOI received from Hannigan Engineering for septic replacement and construction at 102 Deer Bay Road.

Old Business:

Forest Legacy up-date. Cathy straightened out the odd parcel issue with Tract 7 this evening with the Assessor's office.

Review of the Blood Hill Management Committee meeting on 1-11-11. Meeting was held with all members present. Fitchburg Water dept. determined they do not need to participate. Next meeting will be a work day + meeting. Work on the stone culvert and fence/barrier at the end of Luke Rd. Roberta contacted Brad Blodget about a follow up survey bird survey but he no longer does them. The Open Space committee is a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission. Cathy will talk with Alan Pease about creating a page on the Town website for the Committee.

COC for Mike Bussell. Certificate continues to be withheld pending removal of the silt fence at 584 Main Street.

Signage on CR properties. Any further action? The wooden signage cost was verified to be \$340. Tim still feels it is best to do the wooden signs and put off the boundary markers. Motion made and seconded to order the wooden signs. Unanimously approved. Roberta will submit the boundary logo Cathy revamped to Voss Signs and put the order on hold. Maybe will we have the money next year. Motion made and seconded. Unanimously approved.

Budget review following the Department Head meeting of 1-19-11. Our Treasurer has prepared and presented a proposed budget to the Town Accountant. Town plan is to level fund all dept.

OOC for NOI for septic replacement at 445 Fitchburg State Road from Ross Associates, T. Blanchard owner. DEP # 93-322 sign and issued.

New Business:

Walter Murray came in looking for an extension to his Order of Conditions for 883 Jones Hill Road issued in 2004. He thinks he requested an extension once already but perhaps with the Planning Board. No extension can be found so he will have to re-file. He will search for the extension at home.

Alan Pease came in with a letter from DCS regarding the submitted draft Open Space Plan. He would like help with the DCS requested items that need addressing. #3 Environmental Challenges – need explanation for erosion, and #4 Section 5's table should be just the Town's Conservation properties not all Town owned properties. Roberta will take this on.

Neal Anderson dropped off the NOI and plans for the DLR Realty 843 Main St. project. It is being submitted as a Limited Project. There is no way to get to the well location without going through the wetland without purchasing a piece of the abutting property. We will need a letter showing an attempt to purchase before the application will be considered complete. The drainage will require alteration of 725 sq ft. of BVW and 10,282 sq ft. of buffer. Rene questions whether he can burn brush. The enforcement order is for the whole property so the answer is no.

Roberta spoke to Neal about the reported siltation and culverted stream at the Stockfarm. He will talk to the Parlees.

Cathy spoke to the building inspector regarding the NOI submitted for 102 Deer Bay Road as it is for demolishing two small buildings and constructing a home. No building permit has been applied for. The increase of nonconformance on a non-conforming lot would not be allowed without going before the Zoning Board of Appeals. Roberta spoke to the engineer who will see what the applicant wants to do – withdraw or open and continue. She will report when told.

Hearings Scheduled:

February 2, 2011 8:00 pm for NOI received from Hannigan Engineering for 102 Deer Bay Road. Septic replacement and home construction.

March 2, 2011 8:00 PM, Continuation of hearing from 1-5-2001: NOI for Ashby Res. Dam maintenance/repair from Fitchburg Water Dept. Denis Meunier. (Site visit held on 12-11-10) DEP # 93-321.

Site Visits:

- Tuesday 1-4-11 445 Fitchburg State Rd, Ross Assoc, (N. Gorman) NOI for septic repl.
- Thursday 1-6-11, 584 Main Street, silt fences not removed. TIM.
- Thursday 1-6-11 873 Main Street, Rene Rainville; re: 1/4/11 DEP phone call. Roberta & Cathy; later Roberta & Bob
- Thursday 1-6-11 Allen Road, Lots 2 & 3. Silt fences & dirt pile; Roberta & Bob
- Monday, 1-10-11, 11:00 am Allen Road, Lots 2 & 3, concerns about siltation barriers and stockpiled dirt. Tim and Bob.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Kristofferson