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Ashby Conservation Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting of August 3, 2011

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

Minutes of the meeting of July 20, 2011 were reviewed and accepted as written – with one minor correction to change heading from agenda to minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$5.79 for mailing the OOC for Jewett Hill Rd project. Petty cash refurbishment check received.

**Correspondence:**

Call from abutter regarding driveway construction at 892 South Road.

Email received from Joan Crandall: The DEP #'s are 93-258 Lot 1C Erickson Road which owner believes needs renewal on 11/7/ 2011 and 93-256 Lot 1A Erickson Road. (Owner not sure of the renewal date for this order.) 258 is still in force because of States extension of permits – 2 years. 256 has expired. Would have had to be extended before expired. Cathy will email this information to Joan Crandall.

NOI for 550 Main St. for William and Marjorie Tilson from Tim Beauchemin. Need a site visit.

Cutting Plan from Lyle Brundige, Timber harvester. Property owner is John Shamas. – cutting plan for 781 Fitchburg State. 2 stream crossings. Might need a site visit.

**Old Business:**

Tim to meet with Chris Ryan and Alan Pease, for further discussion of unified permitting plans on 8-8-11 at about 2:00 PM. All invited to join.

Cathy received copies of plans from 3 or 4 towns that received funding for open Space Plan and will be reviewing for assistance on how to proceed on the Ashby OSRP draft-edits, following the meeting with Cara Sanford (Americacorp worker with NRWA).

Cedwyn installed a gate at Blood Hill – simple wood barrier.

Pomeleau, Allen Rd. – trucks have broken up the road at the entrance to the property.

**New Business:**

Continuing activities on and around 864 South Road.

Cathy got a review of the project from Bruce Adams. Crushed stone put under the deck. Put non-biodegradable mats down – will have to watch and make sure they are removed at the end of the project.

Bruce Adams appeared before the Commission to tell us that he needs to test the holding tank. His concern was where to put the water when need to empty it after the test. Will be putting propane tank for heating system – instead of an oil tank in the basement.

Blue house nearby 864 South Rd has pulled permits for re-roofing and indoor repairs – but nothing for improving plumbing – have porta-potty. Marked the building permit with “NA” in the yes/no space after the question about whether the project was within the 100 ft buffer zone.

The property two houses down from 864 South Rd – with the two story shed – has installed an outside shower on the pond side of the shed. – 10 – 15 feet from pond.

892 South Road map 12, parcel 42. Put in driveway and now the drive is compacted. Cathy and Bob had accelerated the process by talking with the owner and suggesting that the drive get compacted immediately. Lorraine Pease tells the Commission that an electrical permit has been pulled for the property and there needs to be a driveway permit.

Signs have been delivered for Lyman and Damon properties. Roberta will paint them and then the Commission will install.

Neal Gorman appeared before the Commission to drop off NOI for sewage disposal upgrade at 337 County Rd., Dembowski. 51 ft from wetlands for leach field – because of ledge, had to be inside buffer zone. Will need a site visit. Hearing will be within 21 days – probably August 17<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00pm.

Lyle Brundige, Timber harvester for the cutting plan for 781 Fitchburg State Rd for property owner is Shamas appeared before the Commission. He has issues with locating the access road on the driveway. Would like to move the road. Jack Jackson willing to meet on site. Tim will contact and set up site visit.

Highway Department would like to repair a “wall” along the side of Valley Rd. The repair is to be paid for with FEMA/MEMA monies and needs to be completed by September, 2011. 3 Contractors have submitted bids(?) that are being considered: Hjelm, MP Landscaping, and Nick Murray. Roberta suggested that perhaps this would be a good site for gabion cages – cages built in place, with available rocks. They do not require extensive excavation and provide stability without the need for pouring cement. There are some along the side of the stream/extended ponding area on the road immediately south of the 31 Store.

#### **Hearings:**

8:00 PM, hearing continued from 7-20-11 for NOI from Doug Smith of SoilSmith for the Lightfoot property on Turnpike Road. Cathy will write the OOC. Hearing closed at 8:13pm

#### **Hearings Scheduled:**

8/17/11

8:00pm NOI for replacement septic system at 550 Main St. for William and Marjorie Tilson designed by Tim Beauchemin

8:30pm NOI for replacement septic system designed by Ross Associates for 337 County Rd - Dembowski

#### **Site Visits:**

7-31-11, 892 South Road map 12, parcel 42. The owner, Rick Ford, decided to put in a "new" driveway. He had already put down the "re-grind" by the time we got there. The landowner agreed to put up silt fences tomorrow when he was planning to come back with a compactor. Bob and Cathy

8/3/11 892 South Road map 12, parcel 42. The driveway material has been compacted and siltation fencing put in place. Needs to pull a permit for driveway. The owner has pulled an electrical permit. Roberta and Cathy.

#### **Site Visits Needed:**

Meeting was adjourned at  
Respectfully submitted

Roberta Flashman