

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of March 7, 2012

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

The minutes of February 15, 2012 were reviewed and accepted unanimously as written

Treasurer's Report: \$41.80 – submitted for reimbursement for car to Worcester to attend MACC Annual Meeting.

Correspondence:

From Law Office of Alavi and Braza, P.C. a request for a COC for 93-232, Pillsbury Road - Thomas Moore (owner). OOC issued 12-9-2003 with no special conditions. Chair visited the site and found that the siltation fences had been removed.

From DEP: Approved cutting plan for Plante property on Jones Hill Road. Jack Jackson signed.

Call from Lyle Brundige regarding cutting at 781 Fitchburg State Road. Indicates compliance with our requests to remove silt fences, install water bars (if needed) and block the entrance to vehicles. Chair checked the site and found everything had been completed

Notice from NRWA of up-coming fundraiser Auction.

Request for Management Plan for the Morrison Property from the ALT.

Old Business:

Forest Legacy up-date. P&S for Track #1 has been reviewed, modified and signed by the Selectmen on 2-28-12. Commission members signed as well. Roberta recused herself as she is an abutter to the property.

Waiting for rescheduling of The Watatic Management Committee Meeting of January 26th.

Follow-up on complaint regarding the old Damon house at South and Piper. Report of ditch dug from the new basement door entrance. Need a letter to the owner.

Wheeler Road stream culverts reported put in place without permits. Need a letter to the owner.

New Business:

Debbi Pillsbury appeared for permission for tapping of the maple trees at Wiita Conservation Area. Commission approved for another year.

Issued Certificate of Compliance for 93-232, Pillsbury Road - Thomas Moore (owner).

Cathy wrote a letter in response to the MBTA request for Comments on "Potential MBTA Service Reductions in 2012 – Environmental Notification Form".

Ashby Boy Scout, Aaron Kenney , working on Citizenship and Community an Communications badges sat in on the meeting.

Follow-up on MACC Spring Conference, Worcester, March 3rd. Three Commissioners attended the Annual Meeting. Express concerns to MACC regarding dues and conference costs.

Possible visit from State Dept of Environmental Restoration to view the dam on Valley Rd that broke several years ago.

Combined ConCom and Friends of the Ashby Library program for hiking and exploring nature. Could this be combined with Earth Day? Or do a road clean up – sand and salt.

Wed, March 15, Hearing in the Selectmen's room on the "Stretch Energy Code". There is no posting online that details what this might include. Appears to be an attempt to make Ashby a "Green Community". Requirements for new construction using better and more efficient materials.

Motion made to have the Commission support any efforts to make Ashby a more green community.
Motion was voted in favor, unanimously.

Our second meeting this month will be held on Thursday, March 22, 2012 rather than the usual third Wednesday (March 21, 2012)

Hearings: None

Hearings Scheduled: None

Site Visits:

2-19-12

Whitman and Bingham (Chris MacKenzie) a septic design for 75 Log Cabin Road, Map 15, Parcel #6. Adam Hargraves –owner. Tim signed plans.

735 Mason Rd. Deck addition. All outside the wetlands. Tim signed plans.

Question of fence building near wetlands from owner(Yulia Jackson) Piper and Erickson Roads.
Requested that she submit a Request for Determination during a follow up phone call.

Site Visits Needed: none

Meeting was closed at 8:34pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Flashman