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Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of May 2, 2012

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

Minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2012 were reviewed and corrected and accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: nothing to report.

Correspondence:

The Chair received a call from Patty Smith about a property at 749 Erickson Rd. She wanted to know the implications for tree clearing to create a pasture for horses. Site visit conducted in response to the inquiry.

MACC Quarterly contained an article on the new Federal rules for motorized vehicles on trails.

Old Business:

Forest Legacy up-date. The original copy of the CR has been received and will be given to the Town Clerk to be kept in the safe. Finally have the Forest Legacy sign for the Moulton property. The tree has already been marked for the installation of the sign. Cathy is waiting for Al Futterman to deliver the sign. Cathy has sent Chapter 61 information to the Moulton's, in response to their questions about the tax status of the property, which does not change with the inclusion of the CR on the deed. BTW, baselines have to include copies of the approved and recorded CR document. So, Cathy has been holding off on the final printing of the baseline until it contains these last documents.

Kids walk/talk to the pond as a combined Conservation Commission and Friends of the Ashby Library program, are scheduled for two Saturdays: June 2nd and June 30th. The subject of the June 2nd walk will be amphibians and the destination will be the pond near the cemetery. The subject for the 30th will be birds and the destination will be the cemetery for the chance to view the nesting bobolinks. The 30th is going to be used to also kick off their summer reading series. Plan to scope books available at our library for both walks. It would be good if we could all help/participate/attend, so save the dates!

No report yet received from Tree Warden, Allan Dawson, regarding illegal tree removal from Town owned property along a rock wall behind the library.

Silt fences installed at 7 Piper Road. Tim will conduct a site visit.

Nashua River Watershed Conservation Commission Breakfast was held on 4-23-12. The Topic was Forestry and Land Management. Tim attended as Groton C.C. presented their cutting plan documents. They had suggestions on how to improve public relations and planning for cuttings on the Commission owned lands.

The order for the 500 property bound markers, previously voted, has been verified with Voss Signs. Cathy received a call from Voss signs informing her of an additional \$25 charge for changes to what they claim was the original wording. Cathy agreed, figuring that 500 signs should have the exact wording that we agreed upon.

New Business:

Little Watatic Pond Improvement Association sent a letter to the Commission. The letter presented the possibility of a treatment of the pond this summer. Aquatic Control Technology, Inc. may determine that treatment is required through a survey to be done soon. The Association will notify the Commission when the survey of weeds is completed.

Hearings: None

Hearings Scheduled: None

Site Visits:

:4-26-12, 9:00 AM. Tim and Cathy visited the retention pools behind the Library and the area where the unauthorized cutting of trees had been observed and slash dumped in the wetland resource. Accompanied by Jack Jackson, State Forester and Allan Dawson, Ashby Tree Warden. Allan was going to talk with land owners along Main Street. At a minimum, the slash needs to be cleared out of the wetlands. A couple of small trees had been replanted but would appear to be inappropriate species. (Field notes available upon request.)

April 29, 2012, 8:30 AM. Commission met with the Moulton's at Laurel Farm to complete the CR process by delivering their check.

4-25-12, 4:45 PM. Tim visited and walked the property at 749 Erickson Road (9Miles owner) with prospective buyers. All up-land, with mostly pine and beech and some laurel. No wetlands involved.

Site Visits Needed: none

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Flashman