

Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of August 15, 2012

Meeting opened at 7:35pm with Tim Bauman, Bob Leary, Roberta Flashman and Cathy Kristofferson in attendance.

The minutes of the meeting of August 1, 2012 were reviewed and accepted as written by a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Payment of \$50.00 for Dues to NRWA.

Correspondence:

Call from property owner on Bernhardt Road concerning livestock in a wetland area. Will need to schedule a site visit to check. Roberta and Cathy had reviewed the site about a year ago, but did not allow animals in wetland.

MACC Quarterly. Roberta still does not receive either an electronic or printed copy. She will contact MACC once again.

Email from Neil Gorman, Ross Associates, requesting a site visit for a septic replacement for 640 County Road, Joseph and Diane Thibaudeau – owners. The plans were left in the Cons Comm box. Will need a site visit.

Old Business:

Forest Legacy up-date. Received the 1st draft of the baseline of Track 1. Needs more work, as well as needing a copy of the CR to be complete.

Further discussion regarding the anonymous letter concerning a dock to an island in the Ashby Reservoir constructed without permits. Still need to contact the presumed owner to ascertain what has taken place.

Cathy has made progress in updating documents with the Town Hall's website domain change, but has found that passwords are being changed once a month. This will become quite problematic.

Roberta has been working with the Ashby Land Trust and a land owner – papers are being collected for a conservation restriction on the owner's farm.

COC for 211 Erickson Road septic system DEP #93-202, signed and delivered.

Roberta has begun researching a new laptop. There seem to be a lot of deals available at the moment. She will try to present a couple of suggestions at the next meeting.

Stock Farm results of site visit – Roberta recused herself as a user of the farm resources. There was standing water in the area, despite the fact that there has been drainage put in place that would drain the area from both sides. Roberta told Charlie Parlee that this was probably a protectable wetland and he said he would drop the idea of using the area as a source for topsoil.

New Business:

Septic plan for 338 Taylor Road, no wetlands involved. Bob and Cathy visited the site and signed off on the plans. Chris McKenzie the engineer for Whitman and Bingham,

MACC Fall Conference: The MACC's Fall Conference Committee is finalizing the details for this full-morning program focusing on road maintenance issues throughout Massachusetts.

Call from Tim Beauchamin on Friday asking for a site visit for a septic at 49 Deer Bay Rd. Cathy and Bob visited and signed off on the plans.

Hearings:

Hearings Scheduled:

None

Site Visits:

Friday 8-3-12, Site visit to Stock Farm to make a determination on whether they can dredge an area for loam. Bob, Cathy and Roberta Unofficial sense that the area is protectable. If the owner had not agreed to stay out of the area, would have to call in an outside consultant to make the determination.

Site Visits Needed:

Saturday - visit the parcel that Ashby owns (14_63.0) at 102 Richardson Road. It appears this lot was taken for taxes in 1979. Is it a buildable lot?

Saturday - 102 Deer Bay Rd. – Donnelly slope and removal of all vegetation.

Monday - Septic replacement for 640 County Road, Ross Associates – Cathy walked by and it looks wet.

Monday - Bernhart Rd. – Check on animals and wetlands.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman