

Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of May 15, 2013

The meeting was opened at 7:34pm with Cathy Kristofferson, Tim Bauman, Bob Leary and Roberta Flashman in attendance.

The minutes of the meeting of May 1, 2013 were reviewed and accepted as written unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Nothing to report

Correspondence:

Email request from Stan Dillis to look at the septic upgrade plan at 462 New Ipswich Road. Site visit scheduled for Sunday, May 19 after Pillsbury Rd visit.

Email from Amanda and Scott Michaud about installing a pool in their back yard on 376 Main St – which is in the buffer zone. This will require a site visit. Scheduled for Thursday, May 16 @3:30.

Ashby Land Trust monitoring report for South Rd Fields. Needs to be amended – to note that the tree that was pruned is a horse chestnut. Discussion of the need for signs. The Commission has a “No Wheeled Vehicle” sign that could be put up.

Old Business:

David Bozza requesting a site visit and signature for a septic replacement at 875 Foster Road.

Follow-up on minutes sent out from the Watatic Management Committee Meeting on May 9, 2013. A sub-committee will be reviewing the site on May 21, 2013 for what areas might be labeled with signage to try to protect it from abuse from visitors. Others will be reviewing the Management plan for potential areas that might require rewriting. There will be 3 meetings a year now – June, October and March. 2nd Thursday of the month.

Concerns about the cutting on Valley Road and the old stone culvert. Cathy visited site to view where the steel plates had been removed. All looks reasonable. The crew that was supposed to come and clear out slash for firewood has not removed the slash on the logging roads. Water is flowing through the culvert, unimpeded.

Signed amended OOC for Scott Hobart, New Ipswich Rd

New Business:

Bruce Adams – needs a site visit for a project on Pillsbury Rd. Map 1 parcel 16.5. Subdivided a lot off the Pillsbury's farm. 8:00am Sunday, May 19th. – meet at town hall – 7:55am

Linda Laakso called the Chair to report a nesting pair of loons and wondered if there were a way to prevent boaters. The Commission highly doubts that this pair is nesting on the compensating reservoir.

Bob Leary brought his plan in for the South Rd Lot. Will be filing an NOI for a single family house.

Hearings

8:00 PM: Hearing continued from April 17, March 20, 2013, and February 20, 2013, Stan Dillis with amended NOI for Erickson Road, Terkanian property. DEP # 93-307.

8:15 PM: Continued to April 17, at 8:15 PM, continuation of hearing for NOI for Terkanian property DEP #93-336.

Hearings Scheduled: None

Site Visits:

Saturday, 5-11-13, Richardson Road ditch clean-out was reported as a potential wetlands violation. Not a protectable wetland. Tim, Roberta, Cathy and Bob.

Cutting on Valley Road and concerns for the old stone culvert. Cathy 5-11-13, reports that culvert appears no worse but there's still hardwood slash on the skidder paths. Perhaps that crew has not yet come in to 'sweep up'.

Site Visits Scheduled:

Thursday, May 16

376 Main St, Scott and Amanda Michaud – questions about potential location of swimming pool within buffer zone

Sunday, May19

Septic upgrade plan at 462 New Ipswich Road.

Pillsbury Rd. Map 1 parcel 16.5. Bruce Adams - Subdivided a lot off the Pillsbury's farm.

Site visit needed

875 Foster Road. Septic replacement

Meeting was adjourned at 9:33pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman