

Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of June 18, 2014

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

Minutes of the meeting of June 4, 2014 were accepted unanimously as written.

Treasurer's Report: Check received for \$262.50 for Project on Fitchburg State Road.

Encumbered funds from last year that were set aside for a project by Alan Pease were not used in full. They will return to the general fund.

Correspondence:

Call from resident on Lower Wrights Pond with concerns of draw-down.

Received further notice from the Fitchburg Water Department about the process for purchase of land near the reservoir. Had a meeting last Thursday. Haven't heard whether it has gone through, but would assume so.

Plans from Lamberts for Lot 2 on Wheeler Rd. This will require a crossing. Tim contacted Mike Lambert and suggested that they come in to discuss.

Plans and NOI from Acton Survey and Engineering for Lot 1, Fitchburg State Road. Applicant Steven Breitman, owner Raymond Ciccolo, Ashby Acres Realty Trust.

Mr. Normanden called to complain about a drop in water on Lower Wrights Pond. Members will check on the status of the pond. Bob will Rod & Gun about whether the dam has been changed.

Old Business

Follow-up discussion on Pipeline issues regarding Kinder-Morgan Pipeline project Motion to allow expenditure of up to \$500 for printing and mailing of postcards and printing of letters.

ZBA decision on 854 South Rd: Increased non-conformity – unanimous. Remove the 2nd floor. Roof line of no more than 1-6. Will be allowed to raise the height of the 1st floor to meet the minimum code. Deck cannot exceed the existing dimensions. Can expect the project to come back to the Commission for permitting of the project. They will have to file an amended NOI and new set of plans. Hearing scheduled for July 2, 2014 @ 8:00pm.

New Business:

Mike Lambert came in to talk about project on Wheeler Rd. The project has work done within the 50 ft buffer zone that includes disturbing earth. So, this will require a full Notice of Intent. Cathy will send along instructions for "do-it-yourself". He has the plans, but needs to check with Planning Bd and Highway Superintendent about turn around requirements for the driveway.

Bruce Adams ready for the pre-construction visit. Monday @ 8:30

Bruce is purchasing the property at the corner of Jones Hill Rd and New Ipswich Rd, 2nd house from the corner. The property abuts the Moulton property. Branches from Moulton property overhang the house. Bruce would like to cut the branches that overhang the property line. Would like a site visit. Scheduled for Monday @ 9:00

Roberta talk with representative from ESRI about home use versions of ArcGIS and maintenance contracts on existing licensed copy. Motion to purchase a second version of the enhanced product for the Commission for \$100. Voted unanimously. Cathy will issue a PO if they will take it.

Notice of monitoring of South Rd Fields on June 24 @ 10:00am. From Ashby Land Trust.

Blood Hill Baseline documents were reviewed and found to be all in order. Tim signed the document and gave to Bob Leary for delivery to Ashby Land Trust.

Hearings: 8:00pm NOI from Acton Survey and Engineering for Lot 1, Fitchburg State Rd. Continued to July 2nd @ 8:30pm.

Hearings Scheduled: None

Site Visits:

June 18, 2014. Lot 1 Fitchburg State Road. Single Family Home proposed on the lot. Met on site with Mark Donohoe of Acton Survey and Engineering. Tim, Cathy, Bob and Roberta.

Site Visits Needed:

854 South Road, Ross Engineering, Tank installation plus decking and roof run-off concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman