

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of August 20, 2014

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

The minutes of Aug 20, 2014 were reviewed and accepted as written unanimously.

Treasurer's report: \$6.98 expended from petty cash for a certified mailing of an enforcement order.

Correspondence:

Neal Anderson requested a Certificate of Compliance for 873 Main St. - DEP # 93-325

Old Business:

Mr. Donnelly, 102 Deer Bay Rd, appeared before the Commission to inform the Commission that he has removed the siltation barriers in compliance with a request from the Commission. He is seeking a Certificate of Compliance. Site visit on Friday morning – 8:30 a.m. Sept 5th.

The Enforcement Order for Hourihan was returned: -no mailbox. He has a PO Box. In prior situations we had used the Police Chief to deliver the enforcement order. Bill Davis is the Constable, but he will charge the Commission. Bruce Adams had told Cathy that the debris had been removed from the pond. So, rather than remailing the enforcement order, the Commission will include a stop for a site visit on Friday, Sept 5th. The correct address is PO Box 339.

Bob Leary tried to contact the President of the Rod and Gun Club to request their appearance at a Commission meeting to discuss the recent clear-cut on their property next to a wetland bound. Bob will try to contact him by going to the club.

Bob Leary left a message for Martha Svedburg as a follow up to the Chair's letter about her request for the Commission's rulings on her proposed single family home. The call has not been returned. The prior Determination for the garage clearly stated that if there were a single family home and/or septic system proposed at the site a Notice of Intent would be required for the project.

Issued a Certificate of Compliance for Meredith Ammendolia at 818 Main St.

New Business:

Caroline Collins, 860 South Rd, appeared before the Commission to discuss a project at her home. She would like to continue the repair on her foundation, on the pond side of her house, that was started last year. She would like to expose a buried portion of a window in the basement wall currently covered with fill and debris. She would like to replace the window and have a stone retaining wall built to hold back the soil from the window. She is planning to have the excavation done by a machine rather than hand dug. Site visit on Friday morning – 8:00 a.m. Sept 5th.

Cathy would like to purchase aluminum nails for use in marking bounds of Forest Legacy Properties and marking wetlands. Motion made and accepted unanimously to allow purchase of up to \$15.00 of nails.

DEP sent a notice of the name of the new Circuit Rider: Judy Schmitz.

Gas Pipeline Discussions:

Cathy asked Board of Selectmen to institute a resolution requiring a vote before using town roads in surveys for pipelines. The Select Board stated that they would have the wording and resolution reviewed by town counsel. Cathy will check back next week at the selectmen's meeting.

Cathy wrote up comments to the Kinder Morgan Connecticut Expansion pipeline project to submit from the Commission. The Commission suggested changes and Cathy will adjust the document and submit tomorrow.

There is a fundraiser for tomorrow evening: Thursday, September 4th in Groton.

Hearings: none

Hearings Scheduled: none

Site Visits:

Neal Anderson, Rene Rainville, Cathy, Bob, and Roberta conducted a site visit at 873 Main n 8/28/14. There were many problems with the site to complete/correct until we can issue a Certificate of Compliance.

- A wall had been erected at the end of the grassed area behind the building where there was supposed to be a slope planted with juniper. The wall was constructed with large boulders which appear to be compromised by infiltration of fines from the lawn area. This has resulted in erosion of the lawn area and siltation being deposited at the foot of the wall. The area needs to be stabilized.
- Permanent wetland markers need to be placed along the wetland bounds on both sides of the wetland.
- Filtration mitts need to be slit open so that they no longer pose a barrier to the passage of wildlife.
- Trees need to be planted for shade, as per the plan, near the wetland bound near the wellhead. The species will be determined by Neal Anderson. 5 trees are to be planted.

Site Visits Needed:

102 Deer Bay Rd – certificate of compliance

860 South Rd – meet with home owner, Caroline Collins, to review project plans

Deer Bay Rd: Hourihan – to determine whether enforcement order is still required for removal of debris placed in the pond.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Roberta Flashman