

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of December 2, 2015

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

After a review of the minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2015 a motion was made for approval with corrections and 2nd d. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion. The correction was a misspelling of from as form.

Treasurer's Report: Trying to track down why a 2nd check was issued for petty cash. Cathy will check with Kate Stacy.

Correspondence:

Call from Gary Gouldrup requesting inspection of the wattles for siltation barriers installed for the OOC issued 12-5-2008. The work will be done along a logging road off Jones Hill Road. OOC #93-304. He told the Commission that the installation should be completed and ready for inspection by 11/24/15. Gouldrup's # 978-433-8780.

Email from Neil Gorman, Ross Associates. He requested a site visit for a septic upgrade design with no proposed work within a buffer zone at 397 Main St., Paul Lessard, owner. He also submitted a Request for Certificate of Compliance for 442 Turnpike Road, DEP # 093-348. He will attend the meeting on 12/2/15.

Email from Heather Perry regarding easement signature 675 Jones Hill Road.

Roberta received a phone call from the Town Clerk's office asking if there was something they should do or that the Conservation Commission should do in response to a phone call from Heather Perry. Ms. Perry reported that Draper had begun logging a property owned by her mother in preparation for building a road for use in logging land north of the property in NH. Ms. Perry wanted the town to issue a cease and desist. Roberta told Chris Ewald that this was not in the realm of the Commission and it is, very likely, a legal issue rather than a wetlands issue. Roberta told Chris Ewald that as far as the Commission knew, Draper had told the Commission that they had the correctly signed papers to permit them to log and upgrade the current logging road on the property.

Roberta received a call from Richard Waterhouse, 350 West Rd. He wants to get the Commission's signature on his septic plans for replacement. Friday, 12/04/15 @ 8:30am set for site visit..

Old Business:

Update of information and discussion of the proposed gas pipeline. Formal filing was done on Nov. 20, 2015. Cathy has prepared an application for Intervention on behalf of the Selectmen. She will list herself and the ConsComm email to receive correspondence in addition to the Town Administrator. FERC has about 2 weeks to approve the application – that it is complete.

DEP's response to Appeal for the Order of Conditions issued on the project for Nate Sikkila on West Rd (map 2, parcel 2.1) re: inspection of "driveway" material application. DEP is working under our enforcement order for stabilization through the winter. There is more than 5,000 sq feet filled. The documents that we were handed on site at the site visit of 11/20/15 are basically a new plan, showing a driveway 12 ft wide with a 2 ft shoulder and removal of much of the fill in the wetlands. But, on site, the Consultant said this would not be removed. Joe Bellino indicated that they would not be done, but still have work to do in restoration and replication. There still has to be a hearing for a superseding OOC to be issued.

New Business:

It is time, once again, to schedule the monitoring of the Forest Legacy parcels. Cathy has notified all land owners and all have told her she has permission to monitor whenever the time is best. This Sunday, Dec 6th, Roberta and Cathy will monitor the McCauley property. If that gets completed, the following Sunday they will monitor the Packard property. Moulton and Mikola are discreet enough to monitor in an hour or 2 during the week. Trying to get the monitoring completed before the end of the year and before there is really cold weather or snow on the ground. The monitoring is restricted to Sundays because of hunting season. There are deer stands on both the Packard and McCauley properties.

Neil Gorman, Ross Associates, requested a site visit for a septic upgrade design with no proposed work within a buffer zone at 397 Main St., Paul Lessard, owner. It will be a presby system and Neal will mark the 4 corners of the system. Friday, 12/04/15 @ 8:00am set for site visit.

Hearings:

8:00 PM, Hearing continued from 11-18-15, ANRAD Application from Goddard Consulting for land abutting Main Street. Proposed Solar Installation. Presented new information including marking of wetland that might be an isolated land subject to flooding. Continued to 12/16/15. Discussion about what might be accomplished by a peer review. Motion made to hire a professional to perform a peer review of the project. The motion would authorize contracting for the peer review of isolated land subject to flooding, perennial vs intermittent stream and BVW in area of crossing. Want to contact Tom Perregalo and David Crossman to see if either is available. Also need to contact Joe Bellino to see if there is some way to identify the drought in this area. Unanimous vote in favor of the motion. Roberta will contact people to find out who is available.

Hearings Scheduled:

8:00 PM, Hearing continued from 11-18-15 and 12/2/15 ANRAD Application from Goddard Consulting for land abutting Main Street.

Site Visits:

11/21/15 Roberta and Cathy walked a site on New Ipswich Rd which back ends to the well for 873 Main. Walked with Rene' Rainville. He will be building a house for his son. No wetlands within the 100 ft buffer to the house or septic system. Roberta and Cathy both signed the plan.

11/24/15 Bob and Cathy checked the erosion control installation for the Draper logging road which will be built/upgraded off Jones Hill Road. They found the installation to be good. A couple of places needed a bit more staking or would be OK – Laurel was difficult to deal with.

11/24/15 Bob and Cathy conducted a site visit at 1086 Main Street, Richard Keaney owner. They were checking the site for installation of septic replacement system designed by Beauchemin Engineering. They had a revised version of the plan, now readable, received on 11-18-15. No wetlands were found within 100 ft. of the proposed system, so Bob signed plans and then Cathy gave them to Rick Metcalf.

Site Visits Scheduled:

Friday, 12/4/15 @8:00am 397 Main St., Paul Lessard – replacement system

Friday, 12/4/15 @8:30am 442 Turnpike Road, DEP # 093-348 Cert of Compliance

Friday, 12/4/15 @9:00am 350 West Rd. Richard Waterhouse. Septic System Replacement.

Site Visits Needed:

Draper logging road, Jones Hill Road. Verify erosion control function after road construction begins.

Check the new wetland bounds for the isolated land subject to flooding on the Lodestar project.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman