

Ashby Conservation Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting of July 1, 2015

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

The minutes of the meeting of June 17, 2015 we reviewed and accepted as written unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Correspondence:**

Invoice from MACC for membership dues. Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to table vote on payment of the dues. In the meantime, Cathy will contact MACC and discuss what they are doing/not doing as an advocate for Conservation Commissions. The Commission is somewhat dissatisfied with their inability to take a stand on the NED project and on providing a source of information/assistance in light of the cutbacks/early retirements at DEP.

Notice of a Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning Discovery meeting for communities in the Merrimack River Watershed. Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM in Manchester at the City Library Auditorium, 405 Pine St., Manchester, NH, and at 2:00 in the DES Auditorium, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH. On Wednesday, July 8, the meeting will be held at 10:00AM in the Haverill City Hall, Room 301, 4 Summer St, Haverill, MA. Bob might attend. Someone from the Town should attend. Perhaps Mike Bussell, emergency response manager, will attend.

Stuart Clark, PE, Megawatt Energy Solutions, LLC, requested the dates for the Commission's meetings  
Email from Judy Schmitz, DEP circuit rider – staffing changes and retirement of Mary Ann DiPinto and Marty Jalonski as of June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

Update of information and discussion of the proposed gas pipeline. Issued NOI to scope the Environmental Impact Statement. Comments due within 60 days. Motion to write another comment for the Scoping Period. Cathy will read at least a synopsis of the comment at one of the Scoping Meetings, and can submit a longer comment.

Review Ashby Driveway Permit (in process) – nothing more has happened.

There has been no action to date on the Earth Removal Board. Bob, the newly appointed member, will ask Selectman Mark Haines if the board might meet just to review policies, as the board has several new members.

**New Business:**

Issued COC for the project on Nourse Rd after a motion to issue was made and 2<sup>nd</sup>, and there was a unanimous vote in favor of issuing the CoC. All commissioners signed the CoC. Diane Adams picked it up at the meeting.

The bill of sale for the signs for the Morrison Property and the property on Wheeler Rd was received. \$380 actual. Need exact wording for the signs which are being prepared.

Anonymous tip that there is pressure treated lumber at the back of the store at intersection of 31 and 119. Need a site visit. Bob checked the site and found a pile that appeared to be about 50 feet from a seep that starts and eventually leads to Willard Brook. Bob will revisit with the owner of the property.

**Hearings:**

8:00 July 1, 2015. Nate Sikkila on West Rd (map 2, parcel 2.1) at the NH line. Represented by Chris Guida, Wetlands Scientist, Fieldstone Land Consultants Will meet at property on July 2<sup>nd</sup> for another

check of the wetlands protection. This was supposed to be a hearing, but the applicant didn't fully understand that a hearing needed to be held within 21 days of submittal of the NOI. So, no advertising or notification of abutters was done. So, this was not a hearing. Reschedule to July 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00pm.

**Hearings Scheduled:**

8:00 July 15, 2015. Nate Sikkila on West Rd (map 2, parcel 2.1) at the NH line.

**Site Visits:**

Wed, June 24<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm. Deer Bay Rd repairs and culvert building project. Need a Determination of Applicability 2 parts of the project that are close to water and/or wetlands.

**Site Visits Needed:**

Another site visit on Sikkila property – July 2, 2015 @ 9:30am.

Consignment store at 31 and 119 – pressure treated wood dumped. Bob will re-check.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:41pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Flashman