

Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of October 5, 2016

The meeting was opened at 7:30 with Tim Bauman, Cathy Kristofferson and Roberta Flashman in attendance. Bob Leary will be attending the meeting remotely due to a work assignment out of state.

The minutes of the meeting of September 7 were accepted unanimously with a modification to make clear that the amounts for the treasurer were from 2 separate projects. The minutes of the meetings September 21 and September 27, 2016 were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: \$32.82 for postage for certified mail for the Babineau hearing and Emergency Cert to DEP. \$38 for the legal notice in the paper.

Correspondence:

Call from Pam Mulford, 71 Russell Hill Rd. Want to build a new home behind the existing home and when completed, tear down the existing home. Stewart Mulford appeared tonight with some plans and google maps. Need a site visit. Set for 3:00pm on Tuesday, Oct 11th.

9-23-16 received from Doug Smith, Soilsmith Designs, a plan for a septic replacement for 676 West Road, Fred Walsh owner. Looking for sign-off for BOH. Tim called to find if the property is staked out. Not done yet. Will stake out and let us know.

9-23-16 received amended plans from Chris MacKenzie for Project Number 93-356 issued for septic system at 660 New Ipswich Road, David and Clare Buckley owners, Whitman and Bingham engineers. Conditions met to sign the OOC.

9-23-16 email from Mass. A. G. Office Open Meeting Law Webinar Training - Monday, September 26, 2016.

9-23-16 received the Environmental Monitoring Report - Week 3, Cassiopeia Solar Farm - 0 & 1128 Main Street and 4

9-30-16 email from DEP FEMA "273: Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance Program" course offered in Kingston, MA December 5 through 8 with CFM exam on Dec. 9.

9-30-16 From the "Tip Line"- twice --- 1341 Richardson Road: Topsoil and large sand mounds dumped next to intermittent stream without erosion controls. Property owner is likely installing impervious surface next to the stream. Also via email from DEP, Denise Childs.

MACC sent us another invoice. We paid this in July. Cathy will investigate.

Steve Beauregard, 1:17pm 10/5/15 – silt fence in place on roads scheduled to be repaved. Jewett Hill Rd, Spring Hill, and Brooks Rd.

Sikkila and Childs emails confirming the site visit trying to be scheduled for 10/14/16 @ 9:00am

9/26/16 Roberta circulated an email to the Commission from Anne Gobi with grant opportunities. We will review possibilities at the next meeting. Need to forward to Bob.

Old Business:

Issue a Negative Determination with conditions for installation of utility poles for Lodestar project Casseopia brought forward for discussion at the meeting of 9-21-16, by Mark Arnold of Goddard Consulting for the Lodestar project on Main St. Tim, Cathy and Roberta signed the Determination.

Further discussion about the tax/title property list. Motion to write a letter to Kate Stacey telling her that the Commission would like the properties with wetlands and no buildings be retained for Conservation. Motion passed unanimously. Tim will write the letter.

Cathy, Tim and Roberta signed an Amended Order of Conditions, Stan Dillis for Terkanian property, Erickson Road. Driveway re-positioned per directive of the Highway Department. Requires stabilization

for winter months. Will mail to Stan Dillis as requested.

Benjamin Mountain has been clearing his property on Richardson Rd. Cathy looked at Assessors maps and the lot is 11 acres. Whole lot is cleared. Change of use for the property doesn't appear to fall within any department's responsibility. No trespassing signs have been posted. Will consult with DEP.

New Business:

Bruce Adams appeared to discuss his project at 1341 Richardson Rd. The Commission issued an enforcement order on Tuesday, Oct 4, 2016 for work without an OOC. He has investigated the culverts and piping associated with it. It's not related directly to the cavity near the culvert that he would like to fill in. He went over his plans for the project and what has been done so far. He will be renting the property as a two family home. Will included a poured concrete floor in garage. Will set up a hearing for this project for Oct 19,2016 @ 8:00pm. Need the NOI by Oct 12, 2016.

Ruth Forbes old house on Main St. has started clearing the entire area – 8.5 acres. Cathy and Roberta walked the property last spring. Map 10, parcel 6. New Owner: Richard Caron 600 Main St. Roberta will write him a letter.

Hearings:

8:00 PM NOI for DEP Project # 93-355 for retaining wall at 2376 West State Road, Ben Babineau owner. Bob Leary called in to attend the hearing. He was unable to attend due to working at a site out of state. Hearing closed at 8:46pm. Cathy will be writing the OOC.

Hearings Scheduled:

Bruce Adams, tentatively 10/19/2016 @ 8:00pm

Site Visits:

9-22-16; Cathy met with an intern, Benjamin Engel, from DCR to do bounds for the Damon Woodlot. We were supposed to receive a report, nothing yet.

9-25-16; NOI for Project Number 93-355 for retaining wall at 2376 West State Road, Ben Babineau owner. Roberta, Cathy and Bob

9-27-16, 8:00 AM, Eric Silva, owner of the property with the barn near the corner of South and Richardson would like to clear trees and brush from a defined area of the property. Roberta, Cathy, Bob and Tim

10-3-16, Drive by observations of 1341 Richardson Road. Individually Roberta, Cathy and Tim

10-4-16 Site visit for 1341 Richardson. Cathy, Tim Roberta met with Bruce Adams.

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Site Visits Needed:

676 West Road, septic replacement.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman