

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of December 21, 2016
Ashby Town Hall, 895 Main St, Land Use Room, 7:30 PM

The meeting was opened at 7:30 with Tim Bob and Cathy in attendance; Roberta on the phone.

Review of the Minutes of the meeting of December 7, 2016. Roll call vote unanimously approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Cathy submitted information to the Town Accountant to fix budget money expended accounting for the proper sub-accounts. No change in expenses, just the accounting.

Correspondence:

12-12-16, email response from Eugene Benson in response to The Ashby Conservation Commission vote in favor of a motion to sign on to MACC's letter to Governor Baker to end his support for new interstate gas pipelines. No update received for this week.

12-19-16 Email from David Cowell regarding RDA for Old Northfield Rd and informing that he will be present at the meeting of January 4, 2017

12-19-16 email from Kate Stacy up-dating status of the Selectmen's action on the list of tax-title properties. No updates for the parcels with conservation value for which the Commission has responded.

12-14-16 received by email the Environmental Monitoring Report - Week 14, Cassiopeia Solar Farm - 0 & 1128 Main Street. Announced that the new target date for the project is the DOER SRECII Extension date May 8, 2017. They will now get 80% SRECII value.

12-19-16 received from MAGO re: Derek Saari's reporting of Open Meeting Law. MAGO considers the action closed. This correspondence was received after agenda posting.

Old Business:

Further discussion about the tax/title property list. No new info received.

Report on the results of the December 14th Planning Board hearing for the subdivision located on Old Northfield Road and Route 31. Discussion and any further action. There was no discussion without an updated plan from the proponent.

New Business:

RDA for Old Northfield Rd – postponed to Jan 4th for error in posting not 5 business days in advance. Commission is also concerned about difficulty observing the site with the snow cover and ongoing drought. Hearing opened and continued to January 4, 2017 at 8pm. Roll call vote – unanimous 4-0.

Ernie Pappas appeared before the Commission with plans for the Old Northfield Rd proposed development area to discuss previous wetland delineations he has had done for his property which included the access road area. The delineation of Ernie's plan and the one submitted for the subdivision RDA look very similar. Ernie will return for the RDA on the 4th.

Signed Certificate of Compliance signed for 1233 Main Street, Roll call vote 4-0 unanimous
Signed Certificate of Compliance 402 Jewett Hill Road, Roll call vote 4-0 unanimous

The Certificate of Compliance for 688 Jones Hill Road needs to wait until spring due to potential violation which is unobservable now with snow cover. Roberta has corresponded with the landowner so they are aware of the required delay.

Ashby Land Trust monitoring for South Road Fields and Blood Hill have been completed.

Hearings: None

Hearings Scheduled: None; Public meeting for the Old Northfield Rd RDA

Site Visits:

December 14, 2016 all four Commissioners visited:

- 402 Jewett Hill Road for the requested COC.
- 796 Main Street, Septic replacement designed by Ross Associates. Tim signed, no wetlands involved.
- 688 Jones Hill Road, to observe site for possible COC. Work needed. Delayed until spring.
- Visited the location of the requested RDA for Old Northfield Rd.
- Observed the site progress of the Solar Farm - 0 & 1128 Main Street

Annual Forest Legacy property monitoring:

Mickola Property – Roberta and Cathy

Packard Property – Bob and Cathy

All Forest Legacy monitoring for 2016 is complete.

Dec 12, 2016, Tim visited 1233 Main St., Longley, for Certificate of Compliance

Site Visits Needed: 584 Main Street, New well. F.L

Adjourn: 8:18pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Kristofferson