

Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of July 20, 2016

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

Review of the minutes of the meeting of July 6, 2016 was deferred to the next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$6.68 postage for mailing OOC to Longley.

**Correspondence:**

Stan Dillis called the Chair to request a hearing on Terkanian property, Erickson Road. He would be submitting a change to the existing project and potentially change the existing OOC. The hearing has been scheduled for Sept 7, 2016 at Stan's request.

Dan Proctor called the Chair to request that the Commission inspect the site preparation (siltation control) at 1233 Main Street. See site visits below.

Judy Schmitz, the DEP Circuit Rider, sent an email to Central Regional towns to inform them that they are included in Drought Watch and Drought Advisory areas that were declared with an effective date of July 1, 2016. Please note that any evidence of dry stream conditions documented on or after July 1, 2016, for the purpose of proving that a stream is intermittent are invalid because of the declared drought.

**Old Business:**

After confirmation that a fence had been installed to keep horses out of the stream running through the Duffy property, the Commission signed a Certificate of Compliance for DEP#93-71.

Appeal entered for 401 Water Quality Cert issued for Sandisfield. Pipeline Awareness Network filed the appeal.

**New Business:** None

**Hearings:** None.

**Hearings Scheduled:**

9-7-2016, 8:00 PM Stan Dillis for hearing on Terkanian property, Erickson Road.

**Site Visits:** July 20, 2016

1233 Main St. Pre Construction – need more stakes in the wattles – Dan Proctor. Cathy, Tim and Bob

1228 Main St. Duffy – replication area from 93-71 of 1993 – was never done. As a result, The OOC had never been removed from the property. That fact is holding up the sale of the property to Lodestar for development of a solar farm. As a compromise for the replication never having been built, the Commission negotiate to have an area surrounding the stream fenced off to keep the horses out of that area from a bit back from the stream all the way to the front of the property. On this site visit the Commission delineated area where the fence would be installed. Tim checked the installation of the fence on 7/20/2016 and confirmed that it is place. Cathy, Tim and Bob

Cutting Plan for Draper property on Jones Hill Rd. The Commission walked the property with forester Gary Gouldrup, New England Forestry Consultant, Inc. The cutting plan was approved and the State Service Forester did not join us on the walk. He conducted his own walk on 7/8/2016. The cutting will use the Jones Hill Rd access through the Brodie property to enter and leave this property since the Souhegan River runs through the property at the Jones Hill Rd end of the property. The Commission viewed 2 stream crossings and one wetland crossing. Crossings will be significantly less impactful because of the drought. After the cutting, the poles (large logs laid into the stream bed) will be removed from the stream beds, corduroy will also be removed when possible, and slash laid into wetlands will most likely be removed since it will be on top of the poles and corduroy. Cathy, Tim, Roberta and Bob

The Commission walked the Brodie property, which provides access to the Draper properties in New Hampshire and Ashby, with forester Gary Gouldrup. The intent was to select sites for tree plantings. As it turned out, there was a new culvert inserted under the road which requires some remedial work to prevent further siltation into the wetlands. Similarly, the ditches that run along the side of the driveway need additional siltation barriers and remedial work to prevent further siltation into the wetland and remove, by hand, the siltation that has already been deposited. The location of the 10 trees was agreed upon and flagged. These are to be planted when all the cutting is complete. Cutting is anticipated to be completed late August. Trees should wait until September to be planted. Cathy, Tim, Roberta and Bob

**Site Visits Needed:** none at this time

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman