

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of August 3, 2016

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

The minutes of the meeting of July 6 were accepted unanimously as written. The minutes of July 20, 2016 were review and accepted with changes to the site visit to the Draper property to explicitly mention intended tree planting.

Treasurer's Report: nothing to report. Lost the bill for NRWA. Cathy will contact for new bill.

Correspondence:

Call from Stan Dillis indicating that he will be filing (NOI or Amendment to NOI?) to get on a September meeting for the Terkanian property, Erickson Road. See scheduled hearings.

Call and emails from Adam Beal about coordinating a time to hold a preliminary conference call on construction of the Lodestar solar project on the Duffy property on Main Street. See below in Old Business for discussion.

Received from MACC an invitation to attend the Fall Conference, *Managing Massachusetts Forests: Conservation, Stewardship, and Regulation*, Saturday, October 29, 2016, Holyoke Community College. Cathy might like to attend. \$95 registration fee. Motion made to support Commissioners who would like to attend. Motion passed unanimously

Email offer from Heide Messing of some filter mitts which are no longer needed. See below in New Business for discussion

Note from Chris Guida (Fieldstone) via Denise Childs (DEP) regarding the Sikkila project. See below in old business for further discussion.

Old Business:

Adam Beal set up a preliminary conference call about the construction of the Lodestar solar project on the Duffy property on Main Street. The call was conducted at 9:00 am on Tuesday, August 2, 2016. During the call Lodestar agreed to install an apron to 119 from the Duffy property, to stake their project bounds and to install siltation barriers up to the stream crossing in advance of an on-site pre-construction visit scheduled for Thursday, August 11 @ 8:00am. Set aside 100 wetland bound markers and nails for their use. These should be up before the pre-construction visit, but barring that, they need to be up before construction starts. Received the letter identifying Scott Goddard as their environmental monitor. Cathy started a log in google docs.

Chris Guida (Fieldstone) via Denise Childs (DEP) requested an on-site pre-construction meeting with MADEP, ACC, Site Contractor, Owner/Applicant and Engineer for the Sikkila project on West Rd. He suggested the second week of August. Childs responded, "For the second week in August, I could attend Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning, or any time Thursday. I have no availability the week after that." Roberta will let Denise know that the Commission can match all of her days of availability except for Thursday morning until 10.

New Business:

Heide Messing, Camp Middlesex, has offered the Commission some 35 feet of filter mitts which are no longer needed on the project. They can deliver it to wherever needed as well as the stakes needed for installation. Could use this around the vernal pool at the parking area at Blood Hill. Cathy will call her and see if they can drop this off.

Harold Chattaway came to ask a question about lot on 31. Stanley Starr was the prior owner. Plans for a

development? Contact if we receive an NOI.

Benjamin Engel from DCR has been hired to assist Conservation Commissions with properties acquired through the forest legacy program. Cathy thought that perhaps he could help with the baseline on the Damon property. He can't help us.

Hearings: None

Hearings Scheduled:

Amendment to NOI for Terkanian project on Erickson Rd. September 7, 2016 @ 8:00pm They are required to change the location of the driveway entrance to Erickson Rd by the highway department. This places the driveway almost adjacent to the stream.

Site Visits:

July 22 ,2016, Dan Proctor called to have silt fence inspection at 1233 Main Street. Tim checked and additional staking of the wattles had been completed.

Site Visits Needed:

Sikkila project, West Road to be scheduled through DEP. 2nd week in Aug?

Pre-construction site visit at Lodestar project on Main St. Aug 11 @ 8:00am

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman