

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of July 19, 2017

The meeting was opened at 7:33pm with Tim Bauman, Cathy Kristofferson, and Bob Leary in attendance.

The Minutes of the meeting of July 5, 2017 were reviewed and accepted unanimously.

Taken during open session:

Megan Twyver and John Kulik appeared for work at the existing building at 242 Deer Bay Rd., demo'ing the addition, adding a deck on pylons not sauna tubes. Neil Gorman is doing a separate project for the septic upgrade. We will schedule a site visit to make a recommendation of RDA or NOI and email Megan the date & time.

James Wiswell, of 113 Erickson appeared to hear about the project at 151 Erickson Rd. We reviewed the site visit notes from Monday. James reported a new pile of debris/concrete brought in and dumped 6' from the stream. Review of the file shows 1995 NOI including work to repair the culvert and mitigation to repair bank during the installation of a forced main to the upland area. We have not heard from the new owner regarding the cease and desist Enforcement Order issued.

Ashby Land Trust reports ATV problems on Blood Hill coming from Spring Hill property. ALT wants to put up signs for no motorized vehicle. May need to call a Blood Hill Management for no motorized vehicles signs for ATV & snowmobiles to be installed at the main gate & the 2 sites of current violations. ACC is the only one with a budget to purchase signs. Cathy will email the management committee.

Scott Goddard appeared to submit an ANRAD for Map 7 Parcel 20.20 at the corner of West and Jewett Hill Roads. He will advertise for 8pm on August 16th. Scott will submit the soil data to the Commission. He found Muck and Hinkley soils at the site. Once it is surveyed, he will submit a stamped plan. He will include soil data for the small area not shown on the plan as well. Cathy will email advertising information and request electronic copy of the ANRAD. Moved and seconded that the Commission will contact Tom Perragallo for a potential peer review for the property requesting an estimate for the client. Approved unanimous. Cathy will email Tom.

Treasurer's Report:

Petty cash fund has been replenished.

Correspondence

7-6-17: received Environmental Monitoring Report Week 43 for Cassiopeia Solar Farm 0 & 1128 Main Street.

7-14-17: Email from Scott Goddard requesting time at the next meeting to discuss filing either an RDA or ANRAD for confirmation of wetland boundary. Lot on West and Jewett Hill Roads.

7-17-2017; email from Jeanie Lindquist Ashby Land Trust, like to meet to discuss with the Commission how to handle the Conservation Restriction violations on Blood Hill that are caused by the use of ATV's. Chair suggested 7:45 PM.

Old Business: Follow-up with DEP regarding area of complaint at the reservoir where earth had been moved and dumped. Have not heard, Cathy will try calling again.

New Business:

Complaint received at Town Clerk's office regarding unauthorized construction at 969 Main Street, (Mark Bigwood, owner). An Enforcement Order was filed with DEP and delivered to the owner.

Following an inquiry received by the Commission, an Enforcement Order was filed with DEP and mailed to the new owner for 151 Erickson Road.

Hearings:

8:30; NOI for 420 Main St. Neil Gorman from Ross Associates for a replacement septic system at the single family home.

Hearings Scheduled:

None

Site Visits:

7-10-2017:

Hosmer Road with the Fire Dept regarding moving the gate (Cable) to facilitate use of the fire pond. All four commissioners in attendance.

Mark Bigwood, 969 Main St. Responding to a report of construction of a deck "in the wetlands" without any permits.

151 Erickson Road, work was being conducted in the wetlands without permits.

7-17-2017:

Bennett Estate at 420 Main St. Cathy, Bob, Tim and Roberta met with Neil Gorman from Ross Associates to review the plans for a replacement septic system for the single family home. NOI filed.

Commission met on site at the corner of Jewett Hill Road and West Rd to view property 0 Jewett Hill Rd, recently purchased during the Town auction of tax takings. Scott Goddard of Goddard Consulting had done the wetlands delineation.

Commission met with Steve Beauregard and the Highway Dept. crew at the front of 223 Pillsbury Rd. to discuss replacement of a culvert in advance of repaving Pillsbury Rd.

Site Visits Needed:

242 Deer Bay Road. Scheduled for 8:30 Monday 24th

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Kristofferson