

Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of August 16, 2017

The meeting was opened at 7:30pm with Bob Leary, Roberta Flashman and Cathy Kristofferson in attendance. The minutes of the meeting of August 2, 2017 were reviewed and accepted unanimously as written.

Treasurer's Report: \$95 received for the NOI for 137 Deer Bay Rd. Receipts for certified mail submitted by Roberta - \$11.13 and paid out of petty cash. Receipts for purchase of supplies for the new filing cabinet for \$131.40 by Bob.

Correspondence:

8-10-17	Environmental Monitoring Report Week 48 for Cassiopeia Solar Farm 0 & 1128 Main Street.
8-14-17	Environmental Monitoring Report Week 49 for Cassiopeia Solar Farm 0 & 1128 Main Street.
8-07-17	List of 5 tax takings that were sold in auction.

Old Business:

Enforcement Order issued for construction at 969 Main Street, (Mark Bigwood, owner). Roberta heard from Denise Child at DEP. She would call and suggest that he file an NOI.

Negative Determination of Applicability issued and mailed on 8-7-17 for 151 Erickson Rd for access to the existing septic area and to perform the required soil testing.

Bob will write a letter to the new owner of 600 Main St, old Forbes property, in response to complaints from abutters about activities that might impact the wetland.

Roberta followed up the West Rd site visit. We had found the plan that Tom Peragallo had designed 15 years ago. The data sheet from the folder was for the septic system, not a wetland test. He concurred that the applicant should get wetland bounds defined before going any further. Also looks like the septic location has been moved slightly from the original plan – closer to the wetlands.

New Business:

Mr. Hourihan appeared in response to our enforcement order for work done within the buffer zone without permits. Set up a site visit for 8/17/17 @ 10:30am

Jay Quattrocchi came in to speak with the Commission about his interest in joining the Commission. He is a wetlands scientist. The Commissioners all welcomed him to attend some meetings and perhaps site visits to ensure this is a fit.

180 Turnpike Rd has started construction without the pre-construction site visit. No erosion controls in sight. Fire Dept burned the building down, then someone came and took down the trees and now someone is starting to build. Cathy suggests a small slip of brightly colored paper attached to the OOC. Possibly a portfolio or the like and some envelopes to mail them in so that they stand out and the need to call us is clear. David Martin is the owner – 126 Turnpike Rd. Roberta will call and inform him.

Hearings:

ANRAD for 0 West Rd. Peer review to occur on 8/17/17. Hearing continued to September 6 @ 8:00pm

Hearings Scheduled:

September 6, 2017 @ 8:00pm. ANRAD for 0 West Rd. Hearing continued to September 6 @ 8:00 at 8:17pm

Site Visits:

8-10-17 191 Damon Rd for John Okerman. Bob signed plan. No wetlands were found within 100 ft of the proposed system.

8-10-17 Cassiopeia Solar Farm Met with Mark Arnold and Jordan from Lodestar and walked the project – Roberta, Cathy and Bob. Found that the last rainstorm had surpassed their estimates for the amount of water that needed to be detained before flowing into the wetland. They will take steps to correct. Also, vegetation is beginning to grow that will somewhat alleviate the flow of water from the solar fields to the wetlands. Replication area is growing and could expand on its own.

8-14-17 Lot 6 & 7 West Road . Roberta, Cathy and Bob met on site with owner Andrew Crooke. Found that there had already been clearing on the site and that a well had been dug. Stakes had been set for the 4 corners of a proposed septic disposal system. Found a wetland near the road and within 100 ft of the proposed system that was connected to intermittent stream across the street which flows to the Souhegan River. Told Mr. Crooke that he had to get the wetlands delineated before proceeding with the project.

8-14-17 new road culvert installed on Pillsbury Rd. near the kettle pond.

Site Visits Scheduled:

0 West Rd with LEC Thursday 8:30 AM August 17, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:19pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Flashman