

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of September 20, 2017

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

The minutes of the meeting of September 6, 2017 were reviewed and accepted unanimously as written.

Treasurer's Report: \$95 – NOI 242 Deer Bay Rd, \$512.50 – NOI 0 Fitchburg Rd, \$67.50 – 113 County Rd, \$262.50 to replace check never deposited from January, 2017 for 180 Turnpike Rd.

Correspondence:

9-11-2017	phone call from Linda Springer 386-7148 regarding conditions at the Ashby Compensating Reservoir. She feels the water level is low (have beavers dammed at Northfield inlet? Or is less being released from the Fitchburg Reservoir?), and quality is poor with algae and other contaminants. What can be done?
9-11-2017	emails with Ross Associates to set time for 242 Deer
9-12-2017	call from Dawn at Dan Proctor's office 978-582-4764 needing inspection of erosion controls at new driveway location for Terkanian project on Erickson Rd.
9-12-2017	emails with David Cowell from Hancock Associates to schedule hearing. Set for 9pm if they manage to advertise by the 13th. Advertising went into the Lowell Sun instead of Fitchburg Sentinel. Notifications went out too late for people to receive in time for the hearing.
9-14-2017	call with David Cowell regarding 9/20 hearing's public notice. Hearing will be opened, overview given, then continued. Updated notice will be issued for 10/4.
9-14-17	Copy of check to LEC from Goddard Consulting/Billerica Tomahawk LLC with copy of Invoice to confirm that Goddard Consulting paid for the peer review.
9-14-17	Forest Cutting Plan for Cutting at Crocker Rd. Amendment Landing added.
9-14-17	Septic Design for Dave McIntyre, 921 Erickson Rd, with a note from Doug Smith - looking for a sign off for BOH meeting on 9/27/17. Bob will call to tell him that the plans have been signed.
9-14-17	Septic Design for Coppola (McCauley Family), 70 Simonds Rd, with a note from Doug Smith - looking for a sign off BOH meeting on 9/27/17. . Bob will call to tell him that the plans have been signed.
9-14-17	Notice of Intent and check (\$95) for 242 Deer Bay Rd, Megan Twyver and John Kulik owners.
9-14-17	Notice of Intent and check (\$512.50) for 0 Fitchburg State Rd (just off the corner of Fitchburg State Rd and Old Northfield Rd.), Brite Excavating Co, owner. Need a site visit.
9-18-17	call from Tim Chaplin who needs a COC for 120 Erickson. He will submit Form 8A and have owners remove the erosion controls. Will need a site visit.
09/19/2017	From the slot at the Town Hall - NOI for Rodney and Donna Fors, 113 County Rd, replacement septic system to be built almost entirely within the 100 ft buffer to a wetland. Check attached for \$67.50. Need a site visit. Scheduled hearing for 10/4/17 @ 8:30
9-20-17	MassDEP NOI File Number for Cordio/411 South Rd DEP#93-367

Old Business:

Issued ORAD for 0 West Road as modified. Also included a note that there were 3 potential vernal pools that would require determination in the spring. Bob will mail it out via certified mail on 9/21/2017.

Enforcement Order issued for Deer Bay Rd. Awaiting Notice of Intent for mitigation.

Enforcement Order issued for construction at 969 Main Street, (Mark Bigwood, owner). Bob spoke with DEP and they needed a number. He found a cell phone number but hasn't heard back on any action.

Has a Certificate of Compliance been issued for Jon Somers, Jones Hill Rd? Mail to RCS, 28 Kansas St, Hackensack, NJ 07601. **Bob will issue the COC tomorrow – 9/21/2017.**

New Business:

Town Clerk gave the Commissioners notice to complete the mandatory ethics online training course.

Hearings:

9/20/2017:

8:00 - NOI 411 South Road, Cordio, septic replacement DEP#93-367

8:30 - NOI 242 Deer Bay Rd, septic replacement & building improvements

9:00 - NOI hearing for 2 lots on Fitchburg State Road by Hancock Associates, to be continued

Hearings Scheduled:

10/4/2017:

7:50 – 411 South Rd continued hearing

8:00 - continued hearing for 2 lots on Fitchburg State Road by Hancock Associates

8:30 – 242 Deer Bay Rd – continued hearing.

9:00 - NOI for septic system replacement for Rodney and Donna Fors, 113 County Rd

Site Visits:

9/8 - 8:30am, 952 Richardson Rd at Lower Wrights Pond, Kenneth and Mary Marien and Jeff Flinkstrom, Cathy and Roberta. Jeff presented a plan to enhance the current low rock wall around a section of land jutting out into the pond with heavy boulders and gravel and loam within these areas. The result would raise the “front yard” approximately 12-18” above the current level, reducing flooding of the area. Cathy and Roberta told the Mariens and Jeff that it was unlikely this would be allowed, but that he should contact DEP for further clarification.

9/15 - Cathy, Bob and Roberta conducted the following site visits.

0 Erickson Rd (Terkanian). Viewed the placement of siltation barriers at the new driveway location. Siltation barriers were straw wattles with nylon netting and staked through the center. The wattles were no in touch with the ground. No markers for the driveway location. Wattles, their placement, and their value as deterrent to siltation were all in question. Bob will contact

921 Erickson Rd (McIntyre). Viewed the proposed location of a replacement septic system. No wetlands within 100 ft of the location. Bob signed the plans.

411 South Rd (Cordio). The Commissioners met on site with Vivien Cordio and Neil Gorman to review the plans for a replacement septic system. The plans called for a small corridor of non-wetlands, between two wetlands, to be dug up and used for the entrenchment of a pipe from the septic pump chamber at the front of the property up to a proposed system at the back of the property. The Commission viewed the adjacent parcel of land also owned by Ms Cordio for the possibility of locating a system outside of any wetlands. None existed. Asked that Neil try a redesign of the trench to travel through the wetland and leave the corridor undisturbed. The Commission wondered if that would result

in less damage to the wetlands in the long run, rather than removal of 5-8 very large pines in the corridor which provide virtually all the shade to the two adjacent wetlands.

70 Simonds Rd. No site visit required after viewing the plans for the replacement system as all Commissioners are very familiar with the property through the annual monitoring of the property for the Forest Legacy Restriction. Cathy will sign the plan.

Ashby Compensating Reservoir. Responded to a call from a citizen citing low water, pollution and other problems with the reservoir. None of these were evident when viewed at the site of the dam.

Site Visits Needed:

Fitchburg State Rd for Hancock Associated NOI - 2 single family houses and septic systems and driveway with a wetland crossing.

113 County Rd, septic system replacement

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Flashman