

Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of June 21, 2017

The meeting was opened at 7:34pm with Tim Bauman, Bob Leary, Roberta Flashman and Cathy Kristofferson in attendance.

Review of the minutes of the meeting of June 7, 2017 was delayed until the next meeting because of technical difficulties.

Treasurer's Report: \$7.08 returned to Tim for reimbursement of postage. Treasurer will be requesting more petty cash.

Correspondence:

6-15-2017	Email request from MACC to update our roster online.
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Old Business:

Follow-up with DEP regarding area of complaint at the reservoir where earth had been imported and dumped. The Commission conducted a site visit on 6/9/17 with all Commissioners present. Roberta needs to enter the site visit notes into the shared, on-line folder and then Cathy will contact Denise at DEP and ask for a suggestion on how to handle the issue.

New Business:

Issued a COC for 1112 Main Street, Bruce Ingerson, owner, Kaarela & Kaarela requesting. Will be sent out and a copy sent to DEP.

Issued a Certificate of Compliance for Laakso property, 864 South Road. The CoC was requested for Erik and Debra Laakso by Ross Associates, Neil Gorman. On-going conditions specify that the driveway is to remain pervious, deck shall not be enclosed, roofed, etc, the walkway shall never exceed 4' in width, no beach sand will ever be placed into the pond, only slow release and low nitrogen fertilizers are to be used and no pesticides or herbicides are to be used on the property. The CoC was delivered to Neil Gorman at the meeting.

Issued an Order of Conditions for a Sewage Disposal System Design and house rehab for 70 Beaver Dam Road, John Forest owner, Ross Associates Engineers. Special conditions include a construction sequence that is included with the project as a separate sheet as well as being included on the plan. Also includes siltation barriers and netting to keep debris away from area between the house and the pond. No beach sand to be added to beach area – ongoing condition. The CoC was delivered to Neil Gorman at the meeting.

Issued an Order of Conditions for Sewage Disposal System Design for 137 Deer Bay Road, Justin and Alyssa Adams owners, Ross Associates Engineers. Changed the grass swale on the edge of the property to rip rap. 3 to 1 slope will be seeded and mulched. The CoC was delivered to Neil Gorman at the meeting.

Shaun Macuga 992 Erickson Rd appeared before the Commission to ask the Commission whether the pond on her property is protected by the Wetlands Protection Act. Wants to know what they can do if they want to take down their barn and rebuild. Brought a plot plan for review. Estimate of 11,600 cubic ft of water at its fullest in the spring. Set up a site visit to view the pond – Roberta and Cathy on Friday @ 8:30. The Commission located a file with a septic plan from 1995 and found that there was no pond on the property in 1995.

Need to reorder the wetland markers – Have \$325 available. Motion to expend funds for printing 1000 wetland boundary marker signs. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Hearings:

8:00 PM; NOI for septic replacement at 471 Wheeler Road, Florence Bryan, owner, Ross Associates,

designer. On the site visit of 6/16/2017, it was determined that the property and project only required a RFD. Replacement system for current system. The well of the property and the neighbor's property determine where the system can be located. The grading for the system will extend to within 60 ft of the wetland. The area between the system and the wetland is all lawn. Neil will get a RFD to replace the NOI by end of Business on 6/22/17. The Commission returned the check for the NOI fee. The Commission issued a Negative Determination tonight. The Negative Determination of Applicability was delivered to Neil Gorman at the meeting.

Hearings Scheduled: None

Site Visit:

6-12-2017 Tim, Cathy, Bob & Roberta. John Hourihan, Deer Bay Road. Mr. Hourihan was not present. This site visit was in response to neighborhood complaints of work within the wetland buffer zone without a permit or even siltation barriers. Found a new driveway cut that terminated about 18 feet from the bank of the pond. No siltation barriers and plenty of siltation. Also lots of trash and debris at the water's edge. Appears that he is building an island off the shore: Composed of trash. Cathy will contact DEP.

6-12-17 Tim, Cathy, Bob & Roberta. Deer Bay Rd – Mike McCallum. Looks like work has been completed on his driveway drainage.

6-12-2017 Tim, Cathy, Bob & Roberta. Met with Kevin Sullivan from Lodestar, Mark from Goddard Consulting and Dennis from the equipment co. Cassiopeia Solar Farm 0 & 1128 Main Street. Near the 1st driveway crossing in the fields, the area has been seeded but nothing has sprouted yet. Note to keep checking the grading to ensure that the water from the driveway approach sheds before coming to the crossing. The run off from the water crossing the road beyond the crossing no longer appears to be silting into the stream. The area near the paddock needs some work to remove low spots – hand grading. The project has begun to reduce the size of the parking area needed as the number of cars and equipment reduce as work reaches completion. The temporary detention pond will stay in place until all the parking has been removed. The permanent detention pond is almost complete. Will need to seed the slopes and stabilize the edges. At times they had to remove water from the pond and did so with pumps and hoses – moved to higher ground – upland. Near the replication, the double detention pond is in transition. Suggested that perhaps there be a small field for infiltration and shedding of water before the water makes its way towards the wetland. The replication area is now protected from the flow coming off the area with the solar panels. As the seeding continues and the area stabilizes, the water will be reduced. The plantings in the replication area are now complete, including some native ferns that were moved from adjacent areas that would otherwise have been destroyed. All in all, the site has improved significantly since our last visit in early spring.

6-16-2017 Roberta, Cathy and Tim met with Neil Gorman at 471 Wheeler Road for review of a proposed NOI for septic replacement for Florence Bryan. The site does not require an NOI. May file an RDA because the work is more than 50 feet from the edge of wetlands and the area is already cleared and is established lawn. Neil Gorman will submit info.

6-16-17 2017 Roberta, Cathy and Tim met with Neil Gorman at 864 South Rd, Linda Lakso. Owner is now deceased. All siltation fencing has been removed. All required vegetation is in place, as are walkways. No beach sand has been imported: no beach created. Looks good to go.

6-16-17 2017 Roberta, Cathy and Tim checked 1112 Main St, Ingerson, for compliance with the OOC so that a Cert of Compliance may be issued. All AOK – neat and mowed.

6-16-17 2017 Roberta, Cathy and Tim visited Ingerson Rd to view a culvert replacement. The highway department decided that a detention pond was needed and built one on either side of the crossing. They lined the ponds with riprap to prevent further siltation into the wetland downstream. Lots of confusion about how they thought they could work in the wetland without better notification.

6-19-2017 Chris Guida, Fieldstone Land Consultants, septic designs for the three lots located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Rte 31 and Rte 119 in Ashby. The lots have steep slopes. On behalf of Leif Traffie of Northstone Builders, LLC, Visit incomplete due to lack of time. The wetland flags are set on the edge of the water rather than the edge of BVW. Asked for supporting data for flags 30, 31 32 and 35-37. Want to check more of the flags but ran out of time – Guido was 25 minutes late to the meeting. To be continued after marking the limit of clearing, location of houses and full location and extent of the driveways. Roberta Cathy and Tim

6-19-2017 346 Pillsbury Road, Northland Engineers, Septic system all outside the 100 ft. buffer. Tim signed noting that any future work on the drive will require an NOI. Roberta, Cathy and Tim

6-19-2017 Jewett Hill Road Lot 2, 29.2, Septic Plan all out of the wetland. Soilsmith Design and Louis Barrette owner. Tim signed noting the need for water bars on the driveway to prevent run-off siltation to the road. Roberta, Cathy and Tim

Site Visits Needed:

Friday, June 23 @ 8:30 Shaun Macuga 992 Erickson Rd - 6/23/17 to view pond on the property.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman