

Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of November 3, 2010

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

Review of the minutes of the meeting of October 20, 2010 Accepted with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: nothing to report

Correspondence:

Email from MACC regarding the 2-year permit extension and seeking testimony relative to problems or the DEP's failure to provide guidelines. Discussion: DEP made no promises. MACC made the promise of further clarification. We have no comments to make to MACC.

Copy of letter from Fisheries and Wildlife to Shelly Hatch MRPC outlining concerns and expectations for the paving of Wheeler Road. This is a reconstruction and one of the infrastructure projects for MRPC. Several culverts and stream crossing. The letter states that cold water fisheries are highly susceptible to changes caused by erosion, etc. There are no State listed species.

Presentation November 13, 4 p.m. Donald and Lillian Stokes to Present New Field Guide at the Harris Center, Hancock, NH.

Old Business:

COC for Conway's, Mayo Road. Tim gave them the application for the Certificate of Compliance on 10/22/10 and we have heard nothing since. Phone is in Tewksbury and is disconnected.

Forest Legacy up-date. Damon Property on Frost Rd had a Closing with the deed recorded 10-28-10. Should we name the property. Motion made proposing that the property be name, Damon Conservation Area. Motion passed unanimously. Cathy will contact Chuck Perna and arrange a walk of the bounds. Will have to have signs made. Lyman property should also have a sign made. Roberta will contact the person in Townsend who made the signs for South Rd and get estimates.

Draft CR's for the two on-going projects in Forest Legacy have been received from the applicants and their lawyer. One of the projects is slated to be completed this year and the other is slated for next year. The 1st project is flirting with the possibility of not meeting the deadline for review by the State, which is Nov 15, 2010.

DCR released a new guideline for baseline documentation. Cathy had not received this and asked Mike Flemming for new documentation. She finally received it last week. There is limit of 30 pictures to document bounds.

Outcomes from the "Watatic Mgmt meeting, which had been rescheduled to Wednesday, 10/27/2010. Minutes will be completed and mailed.

Discussion regarding the Blood Hill Management Committee and possible options for 80% grant program for trail work. Should we apply? Goals? Confirmation of committee members. Meeting Thursday 11th. Do we have to post an agenda. Yes. Because of the holiday, should move the meeting. There is nothing in the open meeting law except that a holiday is not counted in the notice time. Tim will check. Motion to recommend to the BOS the appointment of Cedwyn Morgan to the Blood Hill Management Committee. Unanimously voted in favor. Motion to appoint Roberta Flashman as the Open Space Committee representative to the BHMC. Unanimously voted in favor. Motion made to appoint Cathy Kristofferson the representative of the Conservation Commission to BHMC. Unanimously voted in favor. Cathy will contact North County Land Trust for an

appointment. Tim will send recommendations to the BOS. He will include a recommendation for Ollie Mutch to be the at-large representative.

Cathy will follow up with the state of the vernal pool on Pillsbury Rd.

New Business:

Introduction of and comments by Mr. Christopher Ryan, newly appointed Ashby Land Use Agent. Discussion of possible tasks, including unified permitting process and guide to permitting. Christopher@relocalizations.com Some ideas were discussed about how to streamline the process of permitting. Would like to know the history of efforts to accomplish this task.

December 1, 2010; Fitchburg Water Department, NOI for minor repairs to the Dam at the Ashby Compensating Reservoir. NOI has not been received yet. Will be put on the schedule in the 8:00pm slot, pending receipt of the NOI by Nov 23rd.

Land Trust will be monitoring the Morrison property on Nov 11th at 2:00pm.

Monitoring needs to be done on Packard and Lyman and the Damon bounds. Other properties: Wares Rd, Turnpike Rd, Wheeler Rd. Nov 13 & 14 is the 1st available weekend.

ESRI ArcView version 10 is now available. Seems pretty much the same. 2009 ortho data is available. Would make sense to get the CD so that we could have Townsend and Ashburnham and Fitchburg. Cathy will investigate the cost.

Hearings: None

Hearings Scheduled:

Site Visits:

Conway's on Mayo Road to issue COC.

Site Visits Needed:

Ashby Stock Farm, pond

NOI pending, 873 Main Street, Rane Rainville.

Still waiting for date and time on a visit to the Valley Road culverts. Tim has been trying to meet with Ed Torcolletti at Willard Brook State Park.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Flashman