

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of December 7, 2011

Meeting opened at 7:30 with Cathy Kristofferson, Bob Leary and Roberta Flashman in attendance.

Minutes of the meeting of November 16, 2011 accepted unanimously as written.

Treasurer's Report: nothing to report.

Correspondence:

Septic plan for 589 Turnpike Rd, Honkala. Bob signed the plan tonight and left it in the BOH box.

Cutting Plan for West Rd on the MA/NH line. The original plan was never mailed to the Commission. What the Commission received was the approval from the State Service Forester, Jack Jackson.

Cutting Plan for 114 New Ipswich Rd, Sheid. Because the Commission has walked this property in the past, no site visit will be conducted for the cutting plan.

Old Business:

89 Jewett Hill Rd – see site visit conducted for the stabilization for the winter. No COC will be issued until the property is permanently stabilized by vegetative growth in the late spring.

Forest Legacy. The Commission made a motion to sign the Mickola Forest Legacy Conservation Restriction, Track 8, unanimously. The CR was signed and notarized in the meeting.

State Ethics on line training – Bob is still non-compliant. He promised to complete it before the next meeting.

New Land Agent has been hired. Cathy met with Alan Pease and Doug Briggs to review a scope of work document. Completion of the Open Space Plan is to be part of the Land Agent's scope of work.

445 Fitchburg State Rd – request for Certificate of Compliance. This property was view on 7/11/11 by Cathy and Roberta and the COC fell through the cracks. Issued the COC tonight.

Advertising of Highway Dept projects – didn't get the advertising in place for meeting of Nov 16th. Negative Determination of Applicability issued this evening. Signed and delivered to Town Administrator.

New Business:

Annual Monitoring if the Packard SMP Tract 8a of Forest Legacy project. Completed on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011 by Cathy and Roberta. Photos were updated on the baseline for the Town and are part of the documentation kept in the Town safe.

John Varney, scout master, and Kevin Gulliford appeared before the Commission to discuss possibilities for an Eagle Scout project. A final clean up of Blood Hill was eliminated because of potential hazards for the scouts. They will instead, survey the Lyman property and propose a trail and signs through the property. Marie Gulliford also appeared tonight with her son.

Cathy reported on news from the Department Head Meeting of 11/30/11. The well in the center of Town has been deemed acceptable for use at the Legion. The Highway Dept will move its office to the Basement of the Town Hall and Police Chief Drew will have offices on the 2nd floor of the Town Hall. FY13 budget has been requested. Cathy will submit the same budget as last year.

Cathy attended a meeting at NRWA on 12/5/11 for discussion of the Watatic Corridor. They have plans for land acquisition from Watatic to the Fitchburg Reservation for trails.

The work on Valley road to rebuild a wall along the stream by Bruce Adams. Cathy and Roberta viewed the site at various times during the construction.

Hearings: none

Hearings Scheduled: none

Site Visits Conducted:

Saturday, Dec 3rd,

Septic plan for 589 Turnpike Rd, Honkala. Cathy and Roberta conducted the site visit. Plans depicted site perfectly. No wetlands within 100 ft of the proposed septic system.

89 Jewett Hill Rd – Cathy and Roberta checked on the efforts to stabilize the site for the winter. Siltation barrier and rip rap in place.

Site Visits Needed: none

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Flashman