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Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of June 15, 2011

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

The minutes of the meeting of June 1, 2011 were reviewed and accepted as written unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Paid \$25.20 for blood hill gate supplies. After paying \$352 for the signs and expenditure of petty cash there will be about \$52.00 left in the Commission's account.

Correspondence:

Call from Cabco Consult (Clinton) for sign-off on septic replacement at 89 Jewett Hill Road prior to appearing before the BOH. Latest plans not provided. Question the wetland flagging.

NRWA is seeking AmeriCorps Service Member for Regional Conservation Position.

Ross Associates sent revised plans for sewage disposal system for Longley property, West Road, incorporating modifications requested at the hearing of 6-1-11.

DCR grant program for hazardous clean up

MACC – dues of \$155. Increase of \$15 over last year. This will have to be paid from the 2012 budget.

MRPC invitation for town officials meeting DHCD – FY12 Community Block Grants and possibility of a community grant writing position.

Lightfoot sent plans for proposed building lot on Turnpike Rd. No delineation sheets included with the NOI. Cathy will contact SoilSmith and Lightfoots to inform them of potential problems with new construction of septic system within 100 ft buffer and BOH.

Old Business:

Discussion of outcomes from DCR about classifications of DCR lands and a draft map including the Watatic Reservation and possible timber harvest. June 13th meeting at the Doyle Center. Attended by: Cathy, Roberta and Mike McCallum. Comments will be open for acceptance until mid July.

Review and discussion of “sit-down” with Chris Ryan, Ashby Land-Use Agent. Thursday, June 9th at 7:30 AM. Sent draft of Cons Comm steps for permitting projects. Wants another joint meeting. Tim will send a refusal for another meeting and direct his attention to a unified permitting process.

Ashby Open Space Plan and Self Help Grants update. Haven't heard back from the Americorps person at NRWA who was going to help with the SCORP part of the application.

Signed OOC for 102 Deer Bay Road Donnelly, signed by all 3 commissioners present.

Signed OOC for 972 Main Street Caruso signed by all 3 commissioners present.

Signed OOC for Lot #1, 226 West Road Sergio Longley-Martines signed by all 3 commissioners present.

Signage for ConCom Properties. Invoice from Jules Melbin, the total comes to \$352.00.

New Business:

MESA update at NRWA – Cathy attended. There was a Natural Heritage representative at the meeting and Cathy was able to ask questions about the reaction to the cutting at the Yoon property. She asked about the restrictions on cutting for weather conditions in wetlands ; was the restriction in place to protect turtle hibernation? By mid October they have gone to the stream to hibernate – but on a warm day they would emerge. Cathy urged them to reconsider the dates used for “frozen”

cuttings. Most of the changes to MESA don't effect us much. They have a new idea: conservation protection zones in the middle of priority habitat. Their unstated goal is to de-list animals. Maps will only be re-evaluated every 4 years instead of 2 years. There will be no increase to the size or number of habitats. Attach summary of changes to the minutes.

File cabinet needs. The Commission will try to get new file cabinets under the remaining money within the budget, if not for free.

Bruce Adams appeared before the Commission to get the building permit signed for 864 South Rd. There was a proposed strategy to pump the water from the de-chlorination of the well across the street and uphill from the well. Commissioners discussed the idea and won't allow pumping across the road. Bruce will bring a truck to collect the water and remove it. Commissioners approved the building of the house during the summer and holding off the excavation on the other side of the

Hearings: None

Hearings Scheduled: None

Site Visits:

864 South Road, 6-3-11 by Tim, Cathy and Roberta. Question of pumping well water up the hill on the opposite side of the road. Slope does not make a good plan. 6-8-11, Bruce Adams so informed.

6-10-11, 89 Jewett Hill Road, septic replacement. Question wetland flags. Need latest plans. Tim.

6-14-11, 89 Jewett Hill Road, Tim and Cathy found royal fern on the site. Also Tim and Cathy with Jeff Walsh from Cabco, agreed to moving flags to include additional wetland area.

Site Visits Needed:

Lightfoot – To review the lines.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman