

Ashby Conservation Commission

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Minutes for the Meeting of December 19, 2012

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

Minutes of the meeting of November 7 approved unanimously after one change. Minutes of the meeting of December 5 approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: nothing new to report

Correspondence:

Letters received by Commissioners from the USDA for comments sent in regarding environmental assessments and new regulations surrounding beaver control.

Old Business:

Roberta has purchased a new laptop for the Commission. Once all of the data has been moved from the old to the new the old laptop computer will be donated to the Ashby Library for the student work program.

We've had no further comment from the Land Use Agent regarding the Conservation Commission section of Permitting Guidebook. Determined to be acceptable.

Tim and Roberta attended the ZBA Tuesday 12-11-12 regarding variance for building height for Lynette Somero, et.al (854 South Road). They withdrew their request without prejudice. Clearly work has proceeded after the Building Inspector "Stop Work" Order issued 10-31-12. Additionally work followed the meeting of 11-7 with the Commission and the 10-26 meeting with the Hillman's (builders) indicating no work should proceed and that the new camp would remain one story with an attic. The Enforcement Order issued by the Conservation Commission continues to be in effect.

A Cathy has lined up a landowner with a development project underway willing to take part in the requested Boy Scout merit badge project relating to environmental protection and the effects of development. Cathy has left a message for the Scout leader and is waiting to hear back to set a time for landowner, scouts and leader(s), and Commission to meet.

Cathy has forwarded the slide presentation from the Fall MACC Conference to us all.

Forest Legacy: the money transfer has been started for Tract 1, the last project of the Southern Monadnock II project. NRWA has requested to do the check presentation when the time comes. The Commission has requested that perhaps Mike McCallum participate so that the Town is represented. Also, Roberta and Cathy did the annual monitoring for the Mickola and Moulton properties. Boundary markers were installed for all of the Mickola property and half of the Moulton property, Cathy will return and finish the other half of Moulton and meet with both landowners. No issues were found at either location.

New Business:

The Commission has been requested to write a letter of thanks to an Ashby citizen for maintaining the horse chestnut tree on the South Road Conservation Property. Tim will write.

Note: Bob will be away for the 1/16/2013 meeting. Unsure if Roberta will be back, if not we will lack quorum.

Hearings: None

Hearings Scheduled: None

Site Visits: None

Site Visits Needed:

We should visit the Ashby owned parcel (14_63.0) at 102 Richardson Road. It appears this lot was taken for taxes in 1979. Need to check if it is a buildable lot.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Kristofferson