

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of May 1, 2013

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

The minutes of the meeting of April 17, 2013 were reviewed and accepted as written unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Nothing to report

Correspondence:

Letter from the Ashby Land Trust informing the Commission of an upcoming monitoring visit on May 11 at noon.

Communication from Graz engineering with more information about NHESP location on the Krook property – in response to questions asked during the site visit of April 24, 2013. Tim signed the plan as a result of receiving this information.

Old Business:

Bruce Colburn, Willard Brook State Forest, had contacted the Commission about requirements for a proposed maintenance project. Water is flowing into the building. The Commission is awaiting a written request from him.

David Bozza has requested a site visit and sign-off for a septic replacement plan at 875 Foster Road. Tim will call to set up an appointment for a site visit.

Follow-up on Mount Watatic Management Committee Meeting which was scheduled for 4-18-13. There was no quorum, since neither of the State agencies were represented. The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2013 @ 7:00pm in the Ashby Town Hall. Discussion of whether Tim still wants to be the alternate. Cathy is willing to take this on. A motion was made to make Cathy the alternate to the Watatic Management Committee. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Up-dates on Forest Legacy Program. The McAuley heirs have brought in their form (IRS-8283) and it has been signed by the Town Administrator and all is completed.

A review of the request from Alan Pease for \$200.00 from the Commission was conducted. The purpose is to pay, in part, for a consultant to complete the installation of permit tracking software on the website and on additional computers in the Town Hall. A motion was made to retain \$200.00 for use to pay in part for the consultant to complete the installation of permit tracking software on the website and as well as on additional computers. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission asked that Bob Leary find out about the state of the baseline on South Rd properties. Concerns were expressed about land owner's intent to continue to cut the property like a lawn.

New Business:

Mark Archambault appeared to discuss some of the conservation-related items in his work plan. He wanted to know if there were projects that the Conservation Commission might like him to work on. Of the proposed projects, the most important to the Commission was the completion of the Open Space Plan and a completion of the unified permitting process.

Following up on the cutting plan and actual cutting on Valley Road, Bob and Cathy visited the site and spoke with the logger. They also talked with the Halls, who abut the property. Cathy and Bob requested that steel plates be installed over the culvert to prevent damage. Roberta went to check on Tuesday and Wednesday to talk with the logger. She asked if the pine slash could be left on the skidder trail, but that would take more time and the land owner would not pay for that. There would be a fair amount of slash

left on the property, but it was expected that a crew would be working on the site to take all hardwood for firewood.

Madigan has applied for a license for recycling vehicles. The Commission received a plan and copy of the application. The Commissioners wondered whether they would allow marking of any wetland bounds. Tim would convey that question to the Town Clerk.

Bob brought in plans for a property owned by Janet Flinkstrom. The property was wet, as recalled by member of the Commission. Plans date from 4/27/07. Commissioners suggested that Bob go out and see if the original wetland flags are still in place. This might require a future visit to the property.

Cathy handed back the Terkanian files, since the site visits had been completed. These were placed into the large projects file.

Hearings

8:00 PM: Hearing continued from April 17, March 20, 2013, and February 20, 2013, Stan Dillis with amended NOI for Erickson Road, Terkanian property. DEP # 93-307. In response to a request made during the site visit of April 28th, a motion made to continue to May 15, 2013 @ 8:00pm Motion passed unanimously.

8:15 PM: Continued to April 17, at 8:15 PM, continuation of hearing for NOI for Terkanian property DEP #93-336. In response to a request made during the site visit of April 28th, a motion made to continue to May 15, 2013 @ 8:15pm Motion passed unanimously.

9:00 PM: Scott Hobart, New Ipswich Rd, amended NOI.

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Site Visits:

April 24, 2013, 6:00 PM: Graz Engineering for 287 Main Street septic replacement upgrade. David Lopez owner. Proposed plan over 200 feet from wet area near dug well. Tim signed the plan and noted that the owner agreed to clear the junk and excess piping out of the area around the well. Bob, Cathy and Tim

April 24, 2013, 6:30 PM Krook's lot on New Ipswich Road for septic and house plan from GRAZ Engineering. Project is abuts F & W land and Locke Brook. Need to see the rare species habitat mapping. Graz to provide this for us to check. Bob, Cathy and Tim

Sunday 4-28-13. 8:00 AM. Terkanian project on Erickson Road. Cathy, Roberta and Tim with Stan Dillis.

Follow-up to 4-17-13: Tim visited Park Rd and pond after report of oil covering the pond. Found none. 4-18-13, Tim spoke with the Fire Chief and asked AFD to check so as to have more than ConCom's eyes on the situation.

Site Visits Needed:

875 Foster Road. Septic replacement

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman