

Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of December 16, 2015

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

After a review of the minutes of the meeting of December 2, 2015, a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Did not receive a 2nd check for petty cash. It was a check for NERC.

Correspondence:

The Commission received the following mail over the last 2 weeks:

MACC acknowledgement of submission of ACC roster including membership cards.

Request for COC from Beauchamin Engineering, 600 Main Street.

Holiday card from Soilsmith, Doug and Kate Smith

11/14/15, Monitoring Report for Wiita Conservation Area from North County Land Trust, prepared by Tristan Taylor. The report needs signature(s) to make it complete. No violations found. Motion made to sign the report and seconded. Vote was in favor of the motion.

Chair received a call from Derek Saari on 12/15/15 requesting information about 316 Whitney Rd. He wanted to know if the wetland had been flagged at the time the septic system was done. Tim investigated by pulling the file tonight. Tim will contact Derek and let him know we have the file and he can make a request for a copy of file.

Heather Brody Perry emailed Cathy several times about action on the Draper project. Cathy and Roberta conducted several site visits, see below.

Old Business:

Update of information and discussion of the proposed gas pipeline. Selectmen signed the paperwork to become an intervener tonight. New number for filing – CP16-21

A motion was made and 2ndd to rescind the peer review of Main Street Project. The vote was in favor of the motion.

Form 8A (request for a Certificate of Compliance) submitted by Neil Gorman, Ross Associates for 442 Turnpike Road.

New Business:

Issued a COC for 600 Main Street, owner, Forbes. The Commission will ask that they mark the wetlands with the permanent markers. Motion to issue the COC made and 2ndd. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Issued a COC for 442 Turnpike Rd, Benda Cote Reynolds, owner. Silt fencing has been removed and lawn waste has been pulled out of the wetlands. There are 2 continuing conditions on the Order of Conditions that continue beyond the COC. Motion to issue made and 2ndd. Vote unanimous in favor of the motion.

Laurel Farm are planning a cutting with Thayer Wood Energy conducting the cut. They need the signature of the CR holder. At the advice of the Ashby Conservation Commission, the Moulton's have engaged the services of Forester Gary Goldrup, who will supervise the cut.

The Commission received a report of horse manure too close to wetland resource at the residence of Charlotte McCauley. This would be a BOH issue.

Heather Brody Perry came to talk about a piece of property owned by her Mother which has an easement which allows a road through it to access the Draper property in NH. She came to the Commission to see if the Commission could stop the building of the road. She is under the impression that there is no easement through the property. The Commission explained the easement and the current condition of the property.

Bruce Adams presented a plan for a 16 acre lot off Telephone Rd. He requested the Commission conduct a site to see if there are any issues with what he is planning to build. Set the site visit for Monday, Dec 21, 2015 at 9:00am.

Packard and McCauley Forest Legacy monitoring have been completed. There are 2 properties left to monitor. These will be completed before the end of the year.

Hearings:

8:00 PM, Hearing continued from 11-18-15 and 12-2-15. Closed at 8:14pm. Cathy will write the ORAD for the project. Will be issued on 1/4/2016.

Hearings Scheduled: none

Site Visits:

12-4-15 397 Main St. Paul Lessard. Checking a plan for a replacement septic system. The system is just outside the 100 ft. buffer zone. Requested that siltation barriers be placed along the cart road to prevent siltation and machinery from entering the wetland. Otherwise all was OK. Plan Signed?

12-4-15 442 Turnpike Rd, Reynolds. Looking for Cert. of Compliance for a replacement septic system. The wattles were still in place and have nylon netting, so they need to be removed completely. The inhabitants are still dumping leaves in the stream. No COC will be issued until the wattles are removed.

12-4-15 West Rd, Richard Waterhouse. A replacement system to be built in front of the house, between the road and the house. There were no wetlands. Tim signed the plan. Roberta and Cathy were also on site.

12-4-15 West Rd, Sikkila. Roberta checked the project and found a bit more siltation from the driveway. There were new wheelbarrow piles of riprap along the right side of the drive to stop erosion. The driveway has been further widened at the wetland crossing with packed stone on the side of the driveway.

12-11-15, 9:00 AM, ANRAD Application - Main Street. We checked the stream and isolated wetland flagging. Although they missed the furthest 50 – 100 ft of the isolated land subject to flooding, it would not have changed the fact that this area could not hold ¼ acre foot of water. It also was not connected to another wetland through any channel or stream. Hence the area is not protected. Roberta, Cathy, Tim, with consultants Mark Arnold and Scott Goddard.

12-11-15, 10:00 AM, Erickson Road, Terkanian property. This was a request to check the siltation barriers and their positioning relative to the plan. The siltation barriers were straw wattles with nylon/plastic webbing. Found that the wetland bound markers were placed at the same place as the wattles – missing the edge of the wetlands with the markers. The wattles were not of the correct side of the stone wall, which would leave the wetland unprotected when the wall is removed to build the driveway. Preconstruction visit rescheduled for Friday, 12-18-2015 at 8:00 AM with Dan Proctor Excavation.

12/14/15 600 Main Street Tim reviewed the site for compliance with the outstanding Orders of Conditions in response to a Request for COC from Beauchamin Engineering. The wattles have been removed.

12-14-15 442 Turnpike Road Tim reviewed the site for compliance with the outstanding Orders of Conditions in response to a Request for COC from Neil Gorman, Ross Associates. The wattles have been removed.

12/15/15 600 Main St and 442 Turnpike Rd – Cathy conducted a site visit on the properties and checked on removal of siltation barriers. All clear.

12/15/15 and 12/16/15 – Cathy and Roberta checked on the Draper road construction through the Brody property. The erosion controls were in place and extra controls were on pallets. The mesh was biodegradable. We requested that a 2nd row of barriers be placed closer to the road bed through the wetlands to act as a limit of the road and work through the wetlands. On 12/16 they met with Gary Gouldrup, forester, to review the work on the project and whether it conformed to the Order of Conditions for the project. Even the forester was surprised by the extent of the clearing through the entire 50 ft. width of the easement. There will be a culvert put into the stream bed, replacing the corduroy left in the stream after the last timber harvest of the Brody property. Since the OOC had limited the roadway through the wetland to 14 ft wide, there will be a restoration for the excess of tree removed. 15 balled 3 inch in diameter saplings will be planted within the next week or so, after the roadway is completed.

Site Visits Needed:

Friday 12-18-15, 8:00 AM. Dan Proctor, Erickson Road, Terkanian Property.

Monday, 12/21/15 @ 9:00am Bruce Adams, Telephone Rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman