

Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of February 18, 2015

The meeting was opened at 7:33PM with Tim Bauman, Bob Leary, Cathy Kristofferson and Roberta Flashman in attendance.

The minutes of the meeting of February 4, 2015 were reviewed and accepted unanimously as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** No invoices received from MACC yet for the annual conference registrations.

**Correspondence:**

Email from Dawn Roy (R.E. Agent) inquired about the state of 2376 West State Road with relation to any open issues with the Conservation Commission.

**Old Business:**

Cathy will update the Commission of the current status of the Kinder Morgan pipeline project. Open House Forums are on-going. Cathy is attending some of the Open Houses: Andover last night; Hudson tomorrow night.

A Determination of Applicability for a proposed land clearing project at 664 Richardson Road to Charlotte McAuley is on hold pending the flagging of the wetlands. Once the project limits are flagged the Commission will be able to accept the project application as complete and make a determination.

Bob will report on his efforts to contact Ms. Kyrie E. Martino, 716 New Ipswich Road as a follow-up to a letter from the Moultons regarding her use of their property. He sent it to them on Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, but hasn't heard anything yet.

Discussion will continue on potential solar projects within the Town of Ashby. Has anyone spoken with the Planning Board about their by-law that is in the works for solar installations?

Stuart Clark of MegaWatt Energy Solutions and Jordan Belknap from Lodestar Energy came to show their plan for installation of a 2.5 Mw system of 8,000 panels on land owned by Bill Duffy and abutting Sunny Meadows. Resource areas on property – Trap Falls Brook and a pond. No potential or registered vernal pools on the property. No protected habitats. 18,000 sq ft approx of the river front area would be disturbed. The plans have kept roads away from wetlands where possible. Customers for the power will be a housing authority. Lot is 24.7 acres. The plan is to plant a grass that doesn't grow high. 2<sup>nd</sup> property on New Ipswich Rd – Sheids – behind their house. Waiting for their surveys to be complete.

Commission members will report on whether they will attend the MACC Annual Conference in Worcester on February 28th. Plans will be made for carpooling. Registrations have been submitted.

Cathy has completed the monitoring reports.

**New Business:**

7:35 Neil Gorman appeared as scheduled to appear to discuss two septic replacements:

65 Damon Road - Owner: Edwin Aho – existing system within 30 ft of shallow well. New system will have to be at least 50 ft from well. Existing system has an overflow trench extending outward. Needs to be filled in and needs a notice of intent for the work. Site visit will have to wait for melting of the snow cover

830 Piper Road - Owner: Patricia A. Glover Revocable Trust – this is the former property of Jim Hargraves. Per order of the BOH, have to finally replace a septic system that was slated for replacement when the property originally changed hands. All work is outside the 200 ft river front. Will have to conduct a site visit, but this will have to wait until the snow is gone.

2376 West State Road. Property is on the market. Evidently there is need for a retaining wall to be replaced next to the pond. Needs a site visit but would have to wait for snow melt.

**Hearings:** None

**Hearings Scheduled:** None

**Site Visits:** None

**Site Visits Needed:**

Rod and Gun Club parking lot needs review for issuance of a Determination of Applicability. Also need to view a proposed cutting of trees that were damaged from ice storm of 2008 and are located in the wetlands. This project has been stalled due to weather.

664 Richardson Road (McCauley)when flagged.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman