

## Ashby Conservation Commission

### Minutes for the Meeting of May 18, 2016

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

The minutes of the meeting of May 4, 2016 were reviewed and accepted unanimously as written.

**Treasurer's Report :** nothing to report

#### **Correspondence:**

Russell Wilson called about a property with an expired OOC. He wanted to know if he could remark the wetlands. Roberta told him that would be a good start. He will do so and then call us for a site visit. In the meeting, we looked up the project and found it to be 1233 Main St. From Cathy's email of July 13, 2009, "Stephanie Longley called me about needing to get her OOC "signed-off" her deed so that she can refinance. After checking on line I told her to submit an 8A with the box checked for lapsed and no longer valid, then we will issue her an 8B checking the Invalid box all future work will require new NOI & new OOC."

#### **Old Business**

Judge found in favor of Kinder Morgan for Article 97 – eminent domain trumps Article 97 for Otis State Forest. Want to contact Maura Healy to let her know that people want her to appeal the ruling.

Open Space Plan – nothing done. Roberta was going to investigate the possibility of a grant.

#### **New Business:**

Bruce Adams appeared to see if there was anything that could be done to force the person on Deer Bay Road to remove trash from near the water. There is no violation to the Wetlands Protection Act(WPA) despite the fact that the person's belongings are piling up on the shore. Trash and the like is either for the enforcement by building inspector, police or BOH. Nor is it the WPA that prohibits the use of motor boats on the compensating reservoir – that's a town ordinance.

Library RDA : Tim talked with Rick Metcalf from Nashoba Associated Boards of Health about the possibility of solar panels behind the library. He was told that a permanent solar installation cannot go on top of a septic system. It was unclear if this restriction applied to a system on ballasts since that question was not asked. Cathy will follow up with Rick. The Commission decided to get a peer review of the wetland bound in order to complete the determination. Cathy will contact Tom Peragallo to conduct the review. The RDA was continued until June 1<sup>st</sup>. NOTE: Although I took notes on this section of the meeting, I, Roberta Flashman, Library Trustee, did not participate in this discussion except as the applicant.

Site visits to Camp Middlesex show good progress. There is siltation in the stream downstream from the project that resulted from removal of the dam boards without first removing the silt that had collected behind the boards over the course of the last few years.

**Hearings:** none

**Hearings Scheduled:** none

#### **Site Visits:**

5/8/16, 5/9/16, 5/10/16 Visits by various members of the Commission to monitor the progress of the 4H Camp Bridge work.

5/6/16 Ashby Free Public Library. Bob, Cathy, Tim and Roberta (as applicant). Reviewed the site to tentatively mark wetlands and discuss possible installation of solar panels behind the library. Question whether the retention basin is part of the wetlands, since it is only connected to the wetland in flood stage.

**Site Visits Needed:**

McAuley on 664 Richardson Road to check on horse manure and paddock.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Flashman