

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of June 1, 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 18, 2016 were reviewed and accepted unanimously with the correction to show who was in attendance at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The Commission received an invoice from ESRI for \$400 for the annual maintenance contract. A motion to pay the invoice made and 2ndd. The commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Correspondence:

Lodestar and Bill Duffy sent a full purchase and sale agreement for Duffy's property to the Commission, as well as to the Select Board, as proof of the intent to sell the property. The intent was to receive a decline of the option to purchase the property from both the Conservation Commission and the Select Board and hence be release from the Chapter 61 deed restriction.

Heidi Messing sent a monthly report on the bridge project at the 4H Camp.

Old Business:

RDA for solar for Library. The Commission has received an estimate for professional wetland determination/peer review. A site visit is being set up for Friday, June 3, 2016 @ 9:00am but will try to change it to Monday, June 6, 2016. RDA is continued to June 15, 2016 @ 8:30pm.

Update of information and discussion of the proposed gas pipeline. KM withdrew the project application from FERC. Senate oversight hearing to review DEP and the SJC decision in favor of CLF. Acadia Center now has a view that any new pipelines will prevent Mass from meeting the mandated reduction of emissions. Omnibus energy bill is still in the works – but no pipeline tax in the bill. Still fighting the Spectre pipeline.

Further discussion on the "Open Space Plan". Put on hold until Alan Pease returns in August. Need to have further discussion and reset the Open Space Committee into being as well as starting a change in Subdivision zoning.

Inquiry from a resident regarding the stocking of a private man-made fire pond. Response from DEP regarding native and non-native species. Tim finally contacted F&W and will put them in touch with the person directly. A one time deal, not too much of a problem. If repeated, \$15 permit and reports back to F&W.

Blood Hill dog park. Proponents are pursuing the area next to the fire station instead.

New Business:

Signed a proposal for wetland delineation from LEC, Thomas Peragallo, for solar panel installation for town library. Meeting at the Library on Friday, June 3, 2016 @ 9:00am.

Russ Wilson appeared before the Commission to ask for a site visit. 1233 Main OOC DEP# 93-266 had a COC issued. Have to start with a new NOI. Site visit set for Friday, June 3, 2016 after the Library site visit – 10:00 am.

Minutes have not been posted for quite a while. Cathy will post all that have not been posted.

Hearings: none

Hearings Scheduled: Possibly 1233 Main St, 8:00 on June 15, 2016.

Site Visits: none

Site Visits Needed: 1233 Main St, Friday, June 3, 2016 @ 10:00am

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman