

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of July 6, 2016

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

The minutes of the meeting of June 15, 2016 were reviewed and accepted unanimously with the correction to show that the minutes of June 1, 2016 were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: \$551.92 was the bill from Tom Peragallo for Determination of wetland line at the Library.

Correspondence:

MACC sent a request for membership dues for FY17 in the amount of \$187.00 Bob made a motion to pay the MACC dues and Tim 2nd. Motion passed.

Cutting Plan received from Scott Draper for Jones Hill Road with Gary Gouldrup listed as forester. The property abuts the Sikkila project and is in the NHESP area for endangered species. Need to set a time to view this property. It might make sense to coordinate this site visit with a site visit to the Jones Hill Rd property. Should also try to get State Forester to walk this. Bob will call forester.

DEP sent a signed COC for M. & P Swaine, 865 Fitchburg State Road.

Claire Lavin left a request for a COC for 994 Turnpike Road, Nickerson Property in the town hall slot for the Conservation Commission. Tim viewed the property. No siltation barriers on property. Tim wrote the COC – ongoing conditions for slow release fertilizer and no herbicides or pesticides. Commission signed and issued the COC.

Email from Victoria Marble inquiring about the rule covering vernal pools. Cathy responded.

Email from Ashby Land Trust notifying the Commission of its plans to monitor the Morrison property on Friday, July 1st morning @ about 10AM. They also plan to mark boundaries. Bob Leary confirmed tonight that they found all the corners of the property and marked the eastern boundary with markers every 50 ft.

NRWA sent a request for the annual dues (\$50.00). Roberta made a motion to pay the invoice and it was 2nd. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Old Business:

Inquiries regarding the level of Lower Wrights Pond. 952 Richardson Road apparently moved forward with the reconstruction of the septic system without ConCom authorization. William Schulze, engineer. Talked with Bldg Insp. Because all they had done was the septic, there was no occupancy permit required. Bd of Health didn't require OOC to be shown. Mr. Schultze told them that it was an emergency. Tim will find out when BD of Health meets and see if we can meet with them to work out a policy.

New Business:

Bulletin board discussion. Roberta will attend the Planning Bd meeting to check to see that they will allow things posted.

Received the bill for peer review at the Library RDA site. \$551.92 Motion made and 2nd to pay the bill. Roberta abstained from the vote because she had represented the Library in this matter and is a Library Trustee. Motion was approved with a positive vote from all the remaining Commissioners.

Cathy purchased 6 boxes of 2 1/8" aluminum nails for \$2.99 x 6 = \$17.94. She also bought ink for the printer - \$19.

OOB for 1233 Main Street, Russell Wilson, Engineer Nothing special on the OOB. Signed and issued. Continuing conditions: no plastics on wattles and no pesticides or herbicides to be used within 100 ft of wetlands.

Discussion of the Determination of Applicability for possible solar installation at the Ashby Free Public Library. Could issue a Negative Determination for an installation outside the 50 ft buffer zone. Need to mark the new bounds. Will issue the Determination at the next meeting.

Hearings: None

Hearings Scheduled: (None)

Site Visits:

7:30 AM, June 20, 2016, Neil Gorman, a request for sign-off for construction at 487 South Road. Bob, Cathy and Tim

6-22-16, Cathy and Tim met with the building inspector to discuss 952 Richardson Road.

Site Visits Needed:

Draper, Jones Hill Rd - 2 properties.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman