

Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of March 1, 2017

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

Minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2017 were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes with 2 spelling revisions. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Treasurer's Report

Correspondence:

2-16-17 received from DEP, file # 093-0360 for Martin, Turnpike Road Project.

2-24-2017 received Environmental Monitoring Report - for Cassiopeia Solar Farm - 0 & 1128 Main Street. Some erosion issued reported; need to visit the site.

2-25-17 Received an approved cutting plan from DCR, Bureau of Forestry for Fors Property on Richardson Road.

2-25-17 Received a copy of a Request for a Superseding Order of Conditions, 93-358 submitted to DEP for Gerald Brodmerkle, Whitney Road.

Email communication from MACC regarding the 60th anniversary of the organization's founding. ACC made a slide contribution.

Old Business:

After a site visit to Lodestar today, 3/1/17, Cathy contacted Goddard Consulting to let them know of problems on site and with replication area. The Commission will meet on site on March 2nd @ 10:00 to work through solutions to the problems on site with the consultant.

New Business:

Chair submitted the ACC Annual Report on 2-19-17 to the Town Clerk.

Neil Gorman appear to discuss the property on 48 George Rd. He is designing a Septic Repair for the home. The repair will have to be variance free because it is increasing the number of bedrooms for the home, and hence, the size of the system. He would like to present an approved plan to BOH on March 22, 2017. He requests that the Commission conduct a site visit before that time. He anticipates that the Commission would be a sign off on the plan without the need for a Req for Determination of Applicability.

Roberta would like to attend Mass Land Trust on March 25, 2017 - \$50/attendee. Motion made to make it an option to attend the conference for Commissioners. Motion approved with one abstention (Roberta).

MACC conference – Commission will leave town at 7:15am on March 4, 2017 to attend the conference.

Hearings:

7:30 pm NOI for 180 Turnpike Rd from Ducharme and Dillis, David Martin owner. Jack Maloney appeared to discuss the project. The hearing was continued to March 15, 2015 @ 8:00pm

8:00 PM - hearing for an NOI from Stuart Mulford, Russell Hill Rd, Prepared by Doug Smith of Soilsmith. The Chair received a call from Doug Smith following our site visit this morning. Doug requested that we open the hearing without him this evening and continue the hearing until 8:30pm on March 15, 2017. On site the Commission had some issues with the plan and had asked Doug to discuss these with the client. As a result, he was not prepared to submit or discuss the plan at tonight's scheduled hearing. The hearing was opened and closed at 8:00pm with a continuation to March 15, 2017 @8:30pm.

Hearings Scheduled

March 15, 2017 8:00pm NOI for demolition of home and rebuild of new home at 180 Turnpike Rd, David Martin Owner. A new septic system will also be built for the home.

March 15, 2017 8:30pm NOI for Stuart Mulford, Russell Hill Rd. Proposed demolition of house and reconstruction of the home on a different location on the property.

Site Visits:

3-1-17 All site visits were attended by Tim, Roberta, Cathy and Bob.

10:30 am 180 Turnpike Road. Property owner wants to demolish the existing home and cesspool and reconstruct a new home on the same footprint, with a new septic system. Asked for wetlands data used in the delineation of the wetlands. The Commission discussed alternatives to the plan with Jack Maloney, the engineer. The Commission members suggested that he find a way to move both the house and driveway outside of the 100 ft buffer zone.

11:15 am, 71 Russell Hill Rd. Met with Doug Smith to review a plan for demolition of the existing home and reconstruction further from the road, but not further from the wetland. Also would increase the size of the barn, increasing the amount of construction within the buffer zone. Asked for data for the wetland bound determination. It appears that this wetland is connected to a wetland downstream to it, across the road, by an intermittent stream. That wetland drains/becomes a stream that eventually enters the Fitchburg Reservoir. The current owners have cut trees within 15 ft of the wetland and have allowed the household dog to use the edge of wetlands for its toilet. Strongly suggested that Doug review other options for placing the new buildings outside of the buffer zone.

12:00 1003 Main St. SoilSmith. Met with Doug Smith to view a plan for a replacement septic system. The system is right on the edge of the 100ft buffer zone, but the fill for the system is within the buffer zone and right up to the edge of the 50 ft buffer zone. Asked for a Req for Det. The current owner has cut trees and placed debris within 15 ft of the wetland and has allowed the household dog to use the edge of wetlands for its toilet.

12:45 Lodestar – The Commission found many problems with the drainage on site and the construction/maintenance of the replication area. Have contacted the consultant and the Commission will meet on site with him tomorrow.

Site Visits Needed:

688 Jones Hill Road

Lodestar – Main St.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman