

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of May 3, 2017

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

Minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2017 were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Treasurer's Report: \$95 received as a NOI fee on 10 Davis Rd project.

Correspondence:

4-27-2017 Received from Ross Associates (N. Gorman) Corrected from page for NOI and revised plan for 10 Davis Road.

4-22-17 received from DEP File # 93-361 for #10 Davis Road, (Owners: Rudolf & Barbara Lahti)

4-24-17 email received Environmental Monitoring Report Week 33 for Cassiopeia Solar Farm 0 & 1128 Main Street and Week 34 received on May 3, 2017.

4-25-17 email from Stan Dillis a copy of the recorded Order of Conditions for Turnpike Rd. Dave Martin – owner.

4-20-17 email response from Eugene Benson, MACC regarding Natural Heritage Priority Habitat Mapping.

5-10-2017 Dated: April 10, 2017. Samantha K. Dravis, Regulatory Reform Officer and Associate Administrator, Office of Policy. EPA is seeking input on regulations that may be appropriate for repeal, replacement, or modification.

5-1-2017 Mark Arnold questioned whether he could use Hydro seeding within the Buffer Zone with a guarantee of no nutrient or fertilizers, Lodestar Cassiopeia Solar Farm - 0 & 1128 Main Street. The Commission decided that there would be no changes to the conditions that restrict hydro seeding in the 100 ft buffer.

5-1-2017 The Park Ranger at Willard Brook asked the Ashby Fire Chief to contact the Commission to approve access to a Fire pond on Hosmer Road by moving a Gate. Tim will get in touch and check out what the issues are.

Stan Dillis sent the Commission a copy of the recorded Order of Conditions for Turnpike Rd. (Dave Martin). DEP # 93-360

Old Business:

Update for the Earth Removal Board to investigate the unpermitted removal of materials from the Sikkila site on West Road. Peter Niall has sent out 2 letters advising Nate Sikkila that he should not be removing any gravel from the property and has to remove the vehicles from the property. No response from Mr. Sikkila.

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for Allen Road, Lot 2, Ken Chaplin- applicant, Tim Beauchemin Engineering. The current plans have a 200 ft. buffer for the intermittent stream that runs through the abutting property on Valley Rd. The applicant would like to have the septic system location adjusted to a 100 ft buffer rather than a 200 ft buffer. **Will either have a new plan or use the existing plan, Ken will re-advertise the RDA.** Tim and Roberta viewed the site and the changes on May 3, 2017. Motion made to issue a negative determination. The vote was in favor of the motion, with Cathy abstaining. Tim will write the Determination.

Issued OOC for NOI from Stuart and Pam Mulford, 71 Russell Hill Rd. DEP# 93-0359

The Division is requesting public comment on the DRAFT Priority Habitat Map for the 14th Edition

Natural Heritage Atlas. The Open Public Comment Period deadline is June 3, 2017. Any plans?

New Business:

Melissa O'Connell came before the Commission to present a plan for a new house at 490 Foster Rd. She gave the Commission a copy of the plan. The driveway has a cone in the middle. There is currently a large trailer on site. The Commission agreed that they would call before conducting the site visit.

Hearings:

8:00 PM: NOI for project for a proposed addition to the existing house at #10 Davis Road, (Owners: Rudolf & Barbara Lahti) Assessor's Map 4, Parcel 40. N Gorman, Ross Associates. The hearing was continued from 4-19-2017. The Commission voted to closed the hearing at 8:20. Cathy will write the conditions. We will issue the OOC on May 17, 2017.

Hearings Scheduled: None

Site Visit:

5-3-2017 Tim and Roberta - Allen and Valley Rd to see the marked driveway and moved septic system.

Site Visits Needed:

Cassiopeia Solar Farm - 0 & 1128 Main Street

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman