

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of May 2, 2018

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

The minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2018 were reviewed and accepted as written, unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: nothing to report

Correspondence:

- 4/19/2018 emails with Neil Gorman, Ross Assoc, setting up a site visit for 284 Deer Bay Road.
- 4/20/2018 emails with Dave Williams, setting up a site visit for 346 Pillsbury Rd
- 4/20/2018 emails with Heidi Messing, 4-H Camp, setting up a site visit for new configuration for septic repair
- 4/25/2018 email from Christian Smith, DCR, sent a reminder the annual monitor of Forest Legacy properties and that he might conduct a site. He cc: the owners of the property and they were unnecessarily perturbed.
- 4/26/2018 email from John Forest requesting site visit. Scheduled for 4/27/18
- 4/26/2018 email Michael Smith need building permit sign-off. Tim signed off on the building permit – left in the mail cubby.
- 4/26/2018 email from Northstone Builders requesting hearing info. Cathy sent the info. Thinks he might be ready for May 16th.
- 4/30/2018 email response from DEP's Denise Childs regarding West Road developer.
- 5/01/2018 email - received Peer Review Report for 0 South/Piper from LEC.
- 5/02/2018 email from Robert Somers who wanted more information of how he might donate some land he was considering buying in conjunction with building a new house. The restrictions he wanted were rather severe. Responded with an email suggesting that he investigate Chapter 61 and perhaps come in to chat with us on June 6th.

Old Business:

- The Commission continues to sort and clean-out the file cabinets for an hour prior to meetings
- Peer Review from LEC on 0 South Rd. Conclusion on the report is that the wetland on the property is protectable. Recommended that the flags be replaced and the plan be revised and resubmitted. **Roberta will write up the Determination of Applicability and the Commission will issue it on May 16, 2018.**
- Cathy has contacted the Historical Commission to talk about MOU's about Indian Ceremonial Stone monuments. She will meet with them on Saturday, May 12, 2018, their next meeting.
- 110 Whitney Rd. Issues of horses. BOH has 3 outstanding violations. BOH is waiting for "winter to be over" and then they would inspect.
- Bruce Adams talked with Cathy about Hourihan. Thinks there is an oil spill. Cathy told him to call DEP/hazardous waste.

New Business:

- Ashby ConCom co-sponsored a hike at Blood Hill on Thursday, April 26th. Roberta and Cathy leaders
- Mark Moscinski, a contractor who lives on 359 Bennett Rd appeared before the Commission to ask about 451 Wares Rd, a property he would be working on to build an addition. The building inspector told him that he needed the Commission's signature on the building permit. He will stake out the area for the addition. Home owner Shannon Poole. Site visit on Friday @9:00am.
- Workshops on the LAND Grant program from DCR are being held on May 16th and 17th in Amherst and Boston.

Hearings:

- May 2nd at 8:30 pm, NOI, 284 Deer Bay Road, Neil Gorman/Ross Associates, for Mattis
The hearing was continued to June 6, 2018. Need to meet with ZBA and BOH before that meeting.

Hearings tentatively scheduled:

- May 16, 2018 at 8:00 pm, Stan Dillis, Terkanian on Erickson Road pending receipt of complete NOI.
- May 16, 2018 at 8:30 pm, NOI Northstone Builders –4 Greenville Rd. pending receipt of complete NOI.
- June 6, 2018 @ 8:00pm Continued Mattis hearing for NOI, 284 Deer Bay Road, Ross Assoc.

Site Visits:

- 4-24-2018 114 New Ipswich Rd, Scheid COC, Tim, Roberta and Cathy met with Beth Ann Sheid. Found that the siltation barriers had not been removed. She will contact the Commission when the barriers have been removed so that the Commission can revisit the property.
- 4-24-2018 4H Camp, Erickson Rd, septic repair, Tim, Roberta and Cathy met with Heidi Messing. The system is for the upper wash house. The lines and system are more than 300 ft from the wetlands.
- 4-24-2018 346 Pillsbury, driveway in buffer zone, Tim, Roberta and Cathy met with Marg and Dave Williams. They need a trench for new electric lines to the new house, which will be within the 100 ft buffer. They also want to eventually pave the driveway. Since that would have a high probability of directing water right into the stream, they will have an engineer plan the driveway with infiltration ditches along the side of the driveway. They will need to file an NOI.
- 4-27-2018 284 Deer Bay Rd, Neil Gorman, SFH w/new septic, Roberta and Cathy. This is an old summer camp. Unclear whether it has been used during last summer. The proposal is to remove the building and replace it with a larger building that is no longer on the existing foundation. Move 10ft toward the road from the old foundation. This will allow enough room for a new septic system between the house and the edge of the pond. The proposed septic system leach field will end within 25 ft of the pond. They will also be constructing a wall along the side of the septic leach field that will continue to within 4-5ft of the edge of the pond. Blocks are 2x2x4. The roof will now change to pitch to either side rather than to the front and back of the house. An infiltration trench will be on both sides of the house to capture water from the roof. The trenches will end at the septic system leaching field. The house is shingled with asbestos shingles. This needs to be contained to prevent contamination of the pond. Neil refused to consider moving the well nearer to the pond and the leaching field up to the road, away from the pond. Stated that it would be impossible to bring a well drilling rig down near to the pond. BUT, the house will not be in the way since it will be demolished.
- 4-27-2018 70 Beaver Dam Rd, John Forest, wall construction. Roberta and Cathy met with John and his contractor, Kevin Smith. He had started the retaining wall. Cathy found some gaps in the siltation fencing. Asked about the railroad ties and whether he could replace them with the cement blocks.

Site Visits Scheduled: none

Site Visits Needed: 451 Wares Rd, Shannon Poole. Friday @9:00am to view site of proposed addition.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman