

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of December 15, 2010
Ashby Town Hall, 895 Main St, Land Use room

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

The minutes of the meeting of December 1, 2010 were accepted unanimously with one correction.

Treasurer's Report: nothing to report; still holding the check from the Stockfarm awaiting the NOI.

Correspondence:

Email from Nancy Haines regarding New Mileage Reimbursement Rate (\$.51/mile).

MACC Newsletter announcing the March 5, 2011 Spring Conference. MACC Handbook on CD also announced. After much debate, a motion was made and passed on to buy one copy prior to the advertised price increase in January. It will be handy to have for electronic searching, annoying to have to pay for it. Also, the Commissioners will all send their session choices to Cathy for registration and CD with one check.

Notice from EOEEA of Coastal Zone Management Funding.

From Denis Meunier, Fitchburg Water Dept., the scope of work for NOI for Dam repair at Ashby Reservoir.

Bruce Adams attended the meeting to express concerned regarding the blue flagging of a newly purchased property at 545 Richardson Road. It is the first house on the left after Deer Bay Rd, small brown ranch. Bruce is requesting a site visit. There is currently blue flagging onsite done by Steve Sears from Ross Associates. Bruce questions the flagging. He thinks it's a perimeter drain, not a wetland. No plan yet but flagging is numbered so it will match up later on. Site visit set up for Monday 12/20 8:30am.

Received new BioMap2 from DFW. Roberta took to read first.

Old Business:

Forest Legacy up-date.

Meeting Saturday morning with Tract 7 landowners to review their CR.

No sign of the signs from DCR for the Packard and Damon Properties. Roberta is still working on the wooden signs.

Discussion regarding the Blood Hill Management Committee meeting scheduled for 1/11/11: Lorraine Pease sent possible contact info for Matt Leonard but no reply so far. The Land Use Room is reserved. Discussion of why the Fitchburg Water Dept. has a representative. It was believed that some stream flowed off the property to their Reservoir but the topo doesn't bear that out. Lorraine reported there was confusion about the official name of the committee

stemming from the web link. The property is Wiita, the committee is Blood Hill.

Pillsbury Road vernal pool: The pool is actually on Fish and Wildlife land. So who “cleaned” out the pool? Cathy and Paula will go over on Sunday to verify adequate debris will be in place for the spring.

COC for Mike Bussell/584 Main Street: COC not issued as still pending removal of the silt fence. Tim has gone by a few times since our last meeting but the fences are still in. Likely they will be there until the spring now.

New Business:

BoS Licensee Checks: Tim reported back to the BoS that we operate on a complaint basis not an across the board annual review. If the Selectmen want us to visit each licensee they should send letters notifying so that the licensees know that we are coming and why otherwise we are just mistaken for being obtrusive.

ConCom budget preparation for FY12: Information and worksheet from the Town Accountant received. More info will follow.

Cathy sent the scanned cutting plan for the Yoon timber harvest at DFW request. No word back if they have gone out for a site visit. Cathy checked from the DFW property boundary off Jones Hill Rd but it was too wet to get near the harvest area.

Cathy attended the Fitchburg Watershed Trails Committee 12/2/10. They are continuing with trail cleanup and blazing. No signs yet for the Restricted Area which are needed for the 3 gates around the Fitchburg Reservoir.

Hearings: None

Hearings Scheduled:

1/5/11 8pm Fitchburg Water Dept for Ashby Res. Dam; pending NOI receipt by 12/29

Site Visits:

Saturday 12-11-10, 8:30 AM, Ashby Reservoir Dam with Fitchburg Water Dept. Bob, Roberta, Cathy, Tim and Denis Meunier (FWD).

Thursday 12-2-10, 584 Main Street, silt fences not removed. TIM

Site Visits Needed:

NOI pending, 873 Main Street, Rane Rainville.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Kristofferson