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Ashby Conservation Commission Meeting for the Meeting of September 21, 2011

Meeting opened at 7:30 with Cathy Kristofferson, Bob Leary, Tim Bauman and Roberta Flashman in attendance.

Minutes of the meeting of September 7, 2011 were reviewed and accepted unanimously as written.

Treasurer's Report: NRWA – \$50 membership paid from the general account.

Correspondence:

Mike McCallum, representing the Ashby Land Trust, is seeking support to oppose the State's designation of Mt. Watatic as a "woodland" which would permit timber harvesting. Roberta wrote a letter of support and circulated it for comments. The Commission will follow up on this after the Watatic Management Committee meeting to see if \there is still a need, or if the property has been removed from the list of properties receiving designations..

The Commission has received multiple phone complaints from Holly Kiluk, 1009 Jones Hill Road regarding "new Culverts" and a potential draining of a wetland from a neighbor's drive. Roberta and Tim received calls along with inquiries from the Town's Administrative Assistant and Phil Nadeau. Tim followed up with letter and copy of notes from site visits to both Kiluk and LaDue, reminding them that Ladue agreed to direct water to other side of road. Ladue (neighbor) met with Chair today at town hall. The LaDue property was originally a Reynolds property.

Old Business:

Cathy attended the BOH meeting and the proposed filling of the well at 89 Jewett Hill Road. Tim with communicated Nashoba BOH and Cabco. Explained why the Commission didn't want cement poured into well. Clean sand or rocks would be an alternative, however, driving equipment into wetland would not be a good thing. If there is a well within buffer of septic, it has to be decommissioned. Result – BOH will allow decommission by cutting pipe from house to system. And will require a cover.

864 South Road; tree removal and plantings. Both Roberta and Tim received calls from Bruce Adams about what trees to plant and whether that had changed because of the proximity of the water to roots. Plantings now complete – Roberta saw this morning and talked with Bruce. Mostly according to plan.

up-date. BOS meeting 9-28-11 at which a presentation about the next Forest Legacy property will be made and the new policies regarding owner payment will be discussed. All encourage to attend. Al Futterman (NRWA) and Mike Fleming (Forest Legacy) will attend. Land Owners are not able to attend.

Sign and issue the OOC for septic replacement at 117 Kendall Hill Road; Beauchemin Engineering. Sally Ross owner. DEP #93-333. Signed by all Commissioners. Beauchemin will pick up tomorrow morning from Town Clerk, who will have him sign for receipt of the Orders.

Watatic Management Committee Meeting, Tuesday September 27th at 7PM. Cathy is appointed unanimously as alternate in Tim's absence. Willard Brook State Park Headquarters (Ed's Place)

Roberta has completed painting of the signs for the two Conservation properties. She forgot to bring them to tonight's meeting. We should set a time for their installation. Roberta will purchase pressure treated posts (8ft) and bolts – vote to authorize purchases was approved unanimously.

New Business:

Cathy has established a DLR Project log on Google documents.

Neal Anderson to present restoration and planting plans for 873 Main Street. Neal's non-show and refusal to present plans prior to completion of installation of the water main is not a show stopper because the trench should be very narrow. We'll wait to see how wide the trench becomes. Neal wanted to make the pipe trench avoid a couple of trees. Commission does not support a less that straight trench. Rene and Neal have been told not to move the stakes.

Jim Huber sold his lot on Greenville Rd. The new owner inquiring of impact of move of driveway. Moving the driveway to the other side of the house would then require a NOI to build the house and drive as that location is within the 100 ft buffer to the wetland.

Tim's temporary leave of absence is effective September 23, 2011. Cathy will pick up the mail.

Hearings: None

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Site Visits:

9-18-11, 8:00 AM, Pre-construction meeting for 337 County Road septic replacement. Dembrowski owner. Siltation fencing well installed and all ready to go. Tim Cathy, Bob and Roberta.

8:30 AM, 873 Main Street, Pre-construction meeting. DLR. Tim Cathy, Bob and Roberta, plus D and R Rainville, N. Anderson, and Eino Pernaa. Issued notes from the site visit to accelerate compliance so that project could proceed.

7:30 AM 9-20-11, 873 Main Street, Tim and Cathy. Approved marking of the ditch extent through the wetlands and buffer zone.

9/16/11 Bob signed Septic Replacement Plans for GOVE on 152 Foster Rd. No wetlands.

Tim conducted site visit 89 Jewett Hill Road for siltation barrier inspection. Cabco overkill – siltation fencing and wattles. Wants to start by Oct 1st.

Site Visits Needed:

Well siting at 605 West Road, William Seymour, Sr. Pump company called. Area is staked. Bob and Roberta will look at the property at 8:30am on Sept 25. Bounded by the Soughegan.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman