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Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of July 18, 2012
Ashby Town Hall, 895 Main St, Land Use Room, 7:30 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm with Tim, Bob and Cathy in attendance.

Minutes of the meeting of June 20, and minutes for the Special Meeting of June 27, 2012 both reviewed and accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: 67.50 accepted for NOI fee; 160.00 paid out for MACC annual dues

Correspondence:

From Jennifer Collins, notice of Town Hall website domain change for email. We will need to update documents, our web pages and contacts like DEP.

Email from Lois looking for tasks compatible for senior tax work off program. We will let Tim know of ideas.

Old Business:

Forest Legacy up-date. Tract 1 monitoring letter and check request letters signed.

Follow-up on the June 30, 2012, .Kids walk/talk on Birds with the Friends of the Library: Well attended with 18 participants plus the entire Commission. Slide and video presentation followed by a walk to the cemetery and fields. Maybe reptiles and butterflies or dragonflies next year :) Cathy will work to get the presentations from both events online.

New Business:

Anonymous letter regarding a ~50' dock to an island in the Ashby Reservoir constructed without permits. We have contacted and are waiting confirmation from the Assessors Office as to the property owner. Also, we have contacted DEP regarding situation. And checking with the Building Inspector's office as well. DEP regulations state a local Commission permit is required to build a dock, a NOI not just an RDA. In this case nothing was ever applied for. The dock may have been permitted if applied for, but perhaps not allowed to take over the rocks which are not owned by the landowner but by the City of Fitchburg who owns the Reservoir.

Google Earth shows the dock to have been there since 2010. So, why the letter now? Has the dock just had its use restricted? How is access now restricted? Perhaps the anonymous letter writer(s) can provide an update?

Anonymous complaint regarding water being pumped into Reservoir from South Road home. Location visited and no pumping found.

Bruce Adams has plans for house on Lot 3 Richardson Rd from previously viewed by the Commission. He appeared to verify the agreed intermittent stream. Photos supplied. The septic is 150'. Also on Richardson Rd, a Justin Adams lot, 800' foot driveway with crossing. Requesting site visit. Scheduled for Friday 20th at 8am.

Hearings: 8:00 PM, NOI from John and Laurie Dillon, 72 Allen Road regarding addition to home.
DEP # 93-334

Hearings Scheduled: None

Site Visits:

- July 12, 16, 18 @ 860 South Rd, report of water pumping into the Ashby Reservoir. None seen or heard from the road. Cathy
- July 12 @ 864 South Rd, met Bruce Adams. Photo'd granite step installed off bank area for water access and bank protection. Cathy
- July 12 @ 102 Deer Bay Rd, construction underway. Path to well drilling site combined with cabin removal is a wide swath of cleared area that slopes down to the Reservoir. This may hamper the landowner's plans to move the erosion controls away from protecting the pond up to other areas as it will not be easy to quickly stabilize. May require multiple silt fences to be installed instead. Cathy
- July 12 along Deer Bay Rd, dock to rocks in Ashby Reservoir. Detail above. Cathy
- July 17th NOI @ 72 Allen Road regarding addition to home. Tim, Bob and Cathy

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Kristofferson
Treasurer, Ashby Conservation Commission