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Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of September 5, 2012
Ashby Town Hall, 895 Main St, Land Use Room, 7:30 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:31pm with Tim Bauman, Cathy Kristofferson and Bob Leary in attendance.

The Minutes of the meeting of August 15, 2012 were reviewed, changed “agenda” to “minutes”, and accepted as written by a unanimous vote.

Treasurer’s Report: nothing to report.

Correspondence:

Received the Form 8A from Harmon Law Offices (Erickson Rd) for the auctioned home at 72 Erickson Road. Commission signed the COC Form 8B.

NOI from Beauchemin Eng. for septic replacement at 1204 Main Street. Tim will call to set up site visit.

Received NRWA annual membership paperwork.

Received MEMA Hazard mitigation grant announcement. Unclear where we could use this.

Received request from Neil Gorman regarding need for RDA or NOI for septic replacement at 582 County Rd. There is work within the 100’ wetland buffer zone. Tim will call for site visit.

Old Business:

Still waiting for further details from MACC on their Fall Conference Nov. 10th “Roads and Water: Maintenance & Protection” a full-morning program focusing on road maintenance issues throughout Massachusetts.

Forest Legacy up-date – nothing to report.

Report received from Roberta on discussion regarding a meeting with the ConCom and others (Land Trust) to discuss putting a conservation restriction at a local farm.

Report received from Roberta on researching for a new laptop. Research still underway.

Bruce Adams came in with the ZBA approved plan for 72 Allen road which doesn’t match what was presented at their recent NOI hearing. That plan had a larger addition and no garage. The garage is lower grade than the house and will need to be raised causing grading towards the delineated wetland. The first step will be a return to the ZBA to get the new plan approved. We will revisit the need for modified Order of Conditions if the impact to the wetland buffer zone is increased by new construction and/or excavating requirements.

New Business:

The MRTC minutes of 8-7-12 listed ongoing discussions with the Lunenburg Trail Riders. We are unaware of these.

Hearings:

None

Hearings Scheduled:

None scheduled, but the hearing for the 1204 Main St. NOI will need to be on 9/19 to conform to 21 day requirement.

Site Visits:

8-20-12- Septic replacement for 640 County Road, Ross Assoc, Cathy, Bob and Tim. Plans signed.

8-20-12- Drive-by regarding property owner on Bernhardt Road shows clearing and livestock grazing in a wetland area.

8-20-12- 72 Erickson Rd for requested COC. Project appears to have been successfully completed. Tim and Cathy

8-22-12- 101 Turnpike Rd - failed septic replacement - no wetlands found. Bob and Cathy. Signed plans.

Site Visits Needed:

We need to visit that Ashby town owned parcel (14_63.0) at 102 Richardson Road. It appears this lot was taken for taxes in 1979. Is it a buildable lot?

Bernhardt Road fencing and report received regarding livestock in the wetlands. Tim drove by and wonders if vegetation has been sprayed to kill for clearing. Tim will call to setup a site visit for a week day morning when we can all attend.

1204 Main St. for septic replacement NOI received.

582 County Rd for septic replacement plans received from Ross Assoc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Kristofferson