

Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of October 3, 2012

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

Minutes of the meeting of September 19, 2012 were reviewed and accepted unanimously as written.

Treasurer's Report: nothing to report

Correspondence:

Cutting Plan received from City of Fitchburg, Water Department for Rindge Road, for Long Term Forest management. Prepared by Eric Radlof (Dan Cyr).

From Ross Associates, an RDA for proposed septic system replacement at 852 County Road. Veijo and Mary Ellen Kopsala, the owners, are represented by Neil Gorman

Email expressing concerns about the construction site at 102 Deer Bay Road.

Old Business:

Cathy will sign up for the MACC's Fall Conference on road maintenance issues throughout Massachusetts on November 10, 2012.

Forest Legacy properties need to be monitored. Cathy will compose a letter to go to the 3 properties. Cathy and Roberta will schedule to monitor the properties during November.

No deals on laptops at the local PC Lan business. Roberta will purchase a laptop online.

New Business:

Michael Donnelly appeared to discuss concerns with the site on 102 Deer Bay Rd. The siltation barriers at the foot of the hill, just above the water line, were reported to be in disrepair. Tim visited the site today and the siltation barrier has been removed and replaced. It failed at a tear in the fencing. There is still some siltation down the sides. Mr. Donnelly wants to remove the hay bails and torn siltation fencing to put in fencing in better shape. There was too much fill at the top of the property to allow the forms to be placed for pouring the foundation. There is a delta of siltation in the pond now from the flow of water into the pond. Mr. Donnelly has removed both houses from the property. The Commission requested that he stabilize the site before next Tuesday. Cathy will check on Saturday. If things are not put into shape, there will be an enforcement order.

Enforcement Order issued by the chair to Lynette Somero about various aspects of the demolition of the house on the pond at 854 South Road. The signed building permit application indicated that the wetland regulations do not apply. This is hardly the case. A suggestion to applicant that they appear at our meeting of 9-19-12 was ignored. It would appear that at least an NOI is required. Question of septic system is BOH's issue. Tim talked with several of the sisters who have inherited the property from their parents. Tim saw that they are building forms to pour concrete. Building Inspector has been made aware of the issues.

Issued a Negative Determination for septic replacement at 582 County Rd, Request from Ross Associates N. Gorman.

Neal Anderson submitted a report on the inspection of Project 093-0325 – 873 Main St. Notification that the water line will be installed next week. Ordering plants to arrive shortly after the line is installed.

Dan Proctor, David Ross Assoc., appeared for discussion of the Request for Determination 582 County Rd – owners are Veijo and Mary Ellen Kopsala. RDA was received on 9/25/12. Had a site visit and determined that an RDA would cover the construction of a replacement Septic System.

Determination of Applicability issued tonight.

Roberta received a call from Derek Saari to inform us that work would commence on the Pomerleau property on Allen Rd. Loaming and seeding will be done in the next week. Friends of his will be doing the work.

Hearings:

8:00 PM, NOI from Beauchemin Engineering for septic replacement at 1204 Main Street, Brian and Luann Berry, owners.

Hearings Scheduled: none

Site Visits:

9-24-12, 7:45 AM, NOI for 1204 Main Street, Septic replacement. Beauchemin Engineering. Tim and Cathy.

9-24-12, 8:00 AM, Preconstruction meeting with Dillon and contractor on Allen Road. Tim and Cathy.

Site Visits Needed:

We should visit the Ashby owned parcel (14_63.0) at 102 Richardson Road. It appears this lot was taken for taxes in 1979. Need to check if it is a buildable lot.

Bernhardt Road fencing.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm

Respectfully Submitted

Roberta Flashman