

Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of January 4, 2012

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

The minutes of December 21, 2011 were reviewed and accepted unanimously as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** nothing to report.

**Correspondence:**

Cutting Plan for Martha Perkins' property on Piper Rd – 63 acres. Work being done by Dan Cyr, Bay State Forestry.

MACC quarterly – annual meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tim, Roberta and Cathy will be attending and will pick courses so that Cathy can submit for a PO.

**New Business:**

Neal Gorman of Ross Associate presented plans for Septic System Design for Jewett Hill Rd, Elwin Shepherd property. Commission has received a restoration plan from DEP. Neal has not reviewed the restoration. Will be a Presby system which will keep the work outside the 200 ft river front and 100 ft buffer zone. Will need a site visit – with permission to be on the property. The Commission will have to certify the lines. May have to wait until spring.

Watatic Management Committee Meeting is scheduled for January 26<sup>th</sup>. @7:00pm at the Willard Brook Headquarters. Cathy will be out of town.

Discussion of a new Forest Legacy project with Gary Howland of Nashua River Watershed Association. Roberta recused herself as an abutter. This project will require a Purchase & Sale. The document had been previously distributed. Cathy will incorporate comments made and return the document to Gary. Motion made and seconded to sign the Purchase and Sale. Approved 3-0. Motion made and seconded to hold the Forest Legacy Conservation Restriction. Approved 3-0.

Need to order the property bound markers. Motion made and seconded to purchase property bound markers – 500. The order is on hold with Voss Signs.

**Old Business:**

Request for COC for 29 Laurelwood Drive, owner: Ollie Tervo. Letter stated that the siltation fencing was still in place, as well as jute matting. Applicant thought that we should just accept the request and issue the COC when it is ready. Will research whether there is a time constraint on issuance of the COC following the request. Chair sent a letter denying the request, as the growing season has not yet elapsed.

State Ethics on line training – Bob and Tim are still non-compliant.

781 Fitchburg State Rd cutting project performed by Lyle Bundridge. He has not yet returned the Chair's repeated calls. The Commission would like action on finishing up the project.

Marie Guliford and Boy Scout project. Cathy suggested another project in case the Lyman project was not suitable. Wood Duck Boxes on the 3 of the Forest Legacy properties would be a possible project. Moulton, Damon and Packard.

Forest Legacy Project update. Cathy has been fixing the Forest Stewardship for the Moulton's, removing the reference to a CR being put on the property in 2010. Cathy submitted a check request for the Moulton Property. Also started a baseline for the Damon property. Has walked 2/3 of the property bounds and will complete when the weather is better. Found a ditch with water that looks like it's coming from an abutter.

**Hearings:** none

**Hearings Scheduled:** none

**Site visit needed:**

Wheeler Rd Stream culverts reported put in place without permits.

Simonds Rd beavers removal.

Jewett Hill Rd.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:14pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Flashman