

Ashby Conservation Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting of February 1, 2012  
Ashby Town Hall, 895 Main St, Land Use Room, 7:30 PM

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

The minutes of January 18, 2012 were reviewed and accepted unanimously as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Submitted the 3 expense reports for the MACC conference.

**Correspondence:**

Acknowledgement from Chris MacKenzie, B&W, of receipt of ConCom's letter regarding CoC 29 Laurelwood Drive. They will re-apply.

Cutting Plan, Steven and Marleen Plant on Jones Hill Rd. Crossing where beavers use to be – corduroy crossing to be removed when completed. They have a forest management plan. The plan was done by Dan Cyr of Bay State Forestry

**Old Business:**

Baseline documents for Mikola property FL CR were submitted to the Conservation Commission – one for safe, one for field use and one for the Commission Files. Sheet protectors were required this year. Cathy also brought the baselines to the Selectmen's meeting to ensure that they knew they were completed.

Forest Legacy up-date. CR received. Waiting for one piece of paper from an appraiser. More complications in getting the check out for the owners.

Follow-up on the Watatic Management Committee Meeting of January 26<sup>th</sup>, @7:00pm at the Willard Brook Headquarters. Postponed due to threatened bad weather. No new meeting date set yet.

MACC Spring Conference, Worcester, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Three Commissioners have enrolled. Cost is up this year to \$110/ member but within our budget. Roberta will write a letter to MACC about the spiraling cost of the Annual Conference and membership fees and its potential to exceed our budget. Membership only gets us a \$5 discount

Further discussion of the Eagle Scout Project. There are other possibilities for a scout project: the Damon Property or the property on Wheeler Rd.

No further word from Ross Associates regarding plans for SDS design, Jewett Hill Road, Shepherd property and DEP's Letter of Compliance.

**New Business:**

7:45 P.M., Mark Archambault, Land Use Agent to met with the Commission regarding the potential for unified permitting. [markarena@comcast.net](mailto:markarena@comcast.net) 603-881-8591. Open Space plan is an open agenda item as well. Picking up from Chris Ryan's beginning.

We received two anonymous tips on potential wetland violations.

1)The old Damon house at South and Piper. Report of ditch dug from the basement down to the pond filled with rocks. Sounds like direct drainage to a wetland. Roberta and Cathy viewed the property from the road. They have dug out to make an entrance to their basement – within 50 ft of the pond and no permits. Roberta will draft a letter that will then go to Tim final work before mailing. Peter Murray, 7 Piper Rd.

2) Jones Hill Road. Report of a very large barn built on the old Brodie property very close to the beaver pond. There was a building permit a while back but it was all out of the buffer zone. Tim will check tomorrow.

There is the potential for Combined ConCom and Friends of the Ashby Library programs. They have discussed a small hiking program.

Roberta was sworn in as Open Space Committee Rep to Blood Hill Management Committee.

**Hearings: None**

**Hearings Scheduled:** None

**Site Visits:**

Wheeler Rd Stream culverts reported put in place without permits.

Simonds Rd. beavers removal.

Jones Hill Road, Barn - Tim

Drainage ditch near South and Piper. – write a letter

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman