

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of March 22, 2012

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

The minutes of March 7, 2012 were reviewed and accepted unanimously as written

Treasurer's Report: \$41.80 – submitted for reimbursement for car to Worcester to attend MACC Annual Meeting. Will be adjusted. The rate was \$.555/mile rather than \$.55/mile.

Correspondence:

Bob LaFosse (978-297-0627) wants to use a metal detector on South Rd Fields. He told the Commission that if the signal is for something good, he puts the dirt on a cloth as he digs for the item. He takes out a plug of earth – 1ft x 1ft initially, then he may dig a little more if nothing is found in the plug. He tamps down the dirt when he is done. He tries to make this as clean as possible. Has been working on Einno Perna's field for past 12 years and in Murdock field in Winchendon. The South Road Fields are mowed – he would do this after the mowing. Cathy brought up an issue – who owns what is found on public property. And yet, people use metal detectors on the town common without permission or worry. He told us that he also cleans up as he goes, removing cans and such. A Motion was made to allow Bob Lafosse to use his metal detector on the South Rd Fields after the July mowing and to do so with a written permission that he be obliged to carry. Letter of permission to require that all dug holes be refilled and tamped down. 3 in favor of the motion, 1 opposed.

Plans for the septic system replacement at 181 Piper Rd, Robert Dee, owner, was received from Neil Gorman of Ross associates.

A training Program for Certification is now available from MACC in Webonar format.

Lois Raymond, clerk of the Board of Assessors, notified the Commission of a new participant in Ashby's Senior Tax Work-off program.

New Business:

Mr. Murray appeared to talk about the excavation next to pond on South Rd. to make an entrance to his basement and make a terraced land next to pond. Mr. Murray was unaware that he needed a permit to perform the work. Site visit on Friday March 23 @ 8:00am.

Old Business:

Forest Legacy up-date. Forest Legacy sign received for Damon property. Tract 7 – still waiting for the money to be released. But it is in process and will eventually come through the town and be delivered to the owners. For Tract 8, there is an issue with iron rods being driven into the ground in the middle of fields – because they cannot be found without metal detectors.

Waiting for rescheduling of The Watatic Management Committee Meeting Looking at April 4th.

Wheeler Road stream culverts reported put in place without permits. Need a letter to the owner.

Hearings: None

Hearings Scheduled: None

Site Visits:

3-12-12 181 Piper Rd. Cathy and Tim conducted the site visit and found no wetlands to be involved. Tim signed the plans.

Site Visits Needed:

Murray, South Rd. 3/23/12 @ 8:00

Meeting was closed at 9:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Flashman