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Ashby Conservation Commission
Agenda for the Meeting of May 16, 2012

The meeting opened at 7:35p.m. with Cathy Kristofferson, Roberta Flashman, Bob Leary and Tim Bauman in attendance.

The minutes of the meeting of May 2, 2012 were reviewed and accepted unanimously with slight typographic error changes.

Treasurer's Report: nothing to report

Correspondence:

Email from Allan Dawson, Tree Warden, notified the 4 abutters by mail of problems with cutting trees on Town-property.

Email from Roberta with a botanic app for I-phones: <http://www.newenglandwild.org/gobotany>

A reminder from Jen Collins that submissions of a Request for a Reserve Fund Transfer should include the appropriate documentation to back up the request including copies of receipts and/or bills.

Call from 207 Whitney Road (Jesse Johnson) looking to perform fracking in the well which would mean working around wetland bounds to get the truck in place. (was Justin Adams' house). They saw the signs for wetland bounds and called us. Fracking the well is the last chance. Will have to replace the well if it does not work. They need access for a well truck – cut trees and bring in fill. Looking to do this sometime in the beginning of the fall. They have asked for a copy of the prior plans for the system. Tim will send a copy of our plan and include the NOI and instructions. Really, they should get an “as built” plan to ensure that they are in the right spot.

Letter from an inmate about removal of poison ivy. He is a participant in an entrepreneurial program and has a potential future business and strategy for 100% chemical free removal of poison ivy. He asked for the Commission's experience with poison ivy. Tim will send an answer discussing some of the individual solutions used by Commissioners, as well as the fact that the road crew has sprayed chemicals in the past.

Old Business:

Forest Legacy up-date. The McCauley CR really does not require a legal review. The Draft for CR for track 1 is exactly like the Mickola CR – including a farm plan – which includes the Wetlands issues in the farm plan. The Forest Management Plan is complete. The farm plan is not done.

Cathy presented the town with the baseline for the Moulton property. She has also created a copy to use on our monitoring walks. She presented a copy to the Moultons 2 weeks ago. At the Moultons' request and payment, Cathy also made additional copies for them.

Title insurance original came back and will also go to Lorraine for safekeeping.

Cathy gave the original Conservation Restriction to Lorraine for safekeeping.

Kids walk to the pond as Combined ConCom and Friends of the Ashby Library program, are on for Saturdays June 2nd and June 30th for our CC/FoL talks&walks. Cathy is assembling a slide show for the 2nd.

Cathy emailed Commissioners with the Groton C.C. plan for their cutting plans for forestry and Land Management.

New Business:

Jesse Steadman, the Local Working Group Coordinator for the Middlesex Conservation District (MCD), sent an offer to take part in a county wide survey to target funding allocations to local

agricultural and conservation needs and issues in Middlesex County.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QRX9693> This is the public input phase of the project and he would like input of Conservation Commissioners. Survey is intended for people who could not take part in some of the workshops. All the Commissioner jointly answered the survey in the meeting.

Article 9 of the Special Town Meeting for Highway Department for road repair. Cathy will write a letter to invite Bill Davis to come in and discuss his plans.

Hearings: None

Hearings Scheduled: None

Site Visits:

5/10/12 - 207 Whitney Road, Fracking operation. Bob and Cathy

Site Visits Needed: none.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:09pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman