

Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of February 6, 2013

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

Minutes of the meeting of January 16, 2013 were reviewed and accepted unanimously as written. There was no meeting on January 2, 2013 for lack of a quorum.

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

**Correspondence:**

DCR approval for Cutting Plan for Duffy property on Main Street, Ashby. Dan Cyr is the Forester on the project. Michael Downey is the State Forester.

Phil Nadeau called the Chair to see if an abutter to Upper Wrights Pond, Mr. Brisboise, had complained of problems with the dam and water level on Upper Wright's Pond to the Commission. He had called Phil. Chair sent photos of prior levels.

The Keystone Project looking for applicants. This is the old Coverts Program that works to educate landowners and people who interact with lots of landowners about the value of forests and open space. Two of the current Commissioners have already participated in the program.

Notice from Department of the Trial Court Citation about a tax lien complaint to foreclose on 5.52 acres at 688 Jones Hill Rd – parcel 3-1-1. The Assessor parcel maps list Kenneth E Honkala as owner. There is an Order of Conditions on this property and it does not appear that there has been a Certificate of Compliance issued. There was a replication that needed to be completed. There doesn't appear to be anything we need to do. Whoever ends up owning the property will eventually want their deed cleared of the OOC. Cathy and Roberta saw this property when doing the monitoring of John Mikola's property. There is a wetland violation on the property – the pond on the property had been dug out and vegetation around it destroyed.

Town of Ashby Permitting Guidebook in our mailbox. Chair will review the Conservation Commission section for clarity and correctness.

**Old Business:**

The Commission will be donating the old laptop computer to the library for the student work program.

The Enforcement Order issued by the Conservation Commission remains in effect for 854 South Road. We continue to wait for an NOI. Apparently issues about the septic system remain with the BOH, as they have ordered that the tight tank be replaced. They have set the deadline for October. A Stop Work order also has been issued by the Building Inspector. The owners withdrew their request for a variance for a 2<sup>nd</sup> story from the ZBA, when it was apparent that the request would be denied.

The Boy Scout merit badge project relating to environmental protection is on hold until Spring because of snow cover. Project is all set to be on Deer Bay Road.

Forest Legacy - NRWA still working on getting the baseline completed on the McCauley property. Sign has been installed and photographed for the baseline.

**New Business:**

David E. Ross Associates requested a sign-off for septic plan on Jewett Hill Rd property of Elwin C and Janet P Shepherd. This property was handled by an Administrative Consent Order (State form of OOC). All penalties have been paid. All of the construction of the system is shown on the plans to be outside the 100 ft buffer zone. It would appear that DEP might have made a Determination of whether the

intermittent stream was protectable. But there is no document to that effect. Roberta will call DEP tomorrow to find out what is going on.

Bruce Colburn, Willard Brook State Park, requests replacing bridge by entering brook with machinery. Chair would like to issue an Emergency Order of Conditions to replace the bridge on its foundation. Motion to issue an Emergency Order of Condition to replace the bridge on its moorings, and conditioned to have notice to the Commission when the work will be done, that a Commission member be in attendance, frost in the ground and low flow in the brook. Motion made and seconded. 3 voted in favor, 1 opposed.

Received materials for NOI on Erickson Rd, Terkanian property, from Stan Dillis - engineer. Hearing scheduled for Feb 20, 2013 @ 8:00pm.

Budget presented by Cathy to be presented to Town Administrator. Total budget - \$1700.00

Cathy and Roberta to review whether will attend MACC conference. Tim definitely wants to attend.

**Hearings:** None

**Hearings Scheduled:** Feb 20, 2012 @ 8:00pm – Terkanian property on Erickson Rd.

**Site Visits:** None

**Site Visits Needed:** None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:22pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman