

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of April 3, 2013

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

The minutes of the meeting of March 20, 2013 were reviewed and accepted unanimously as written.

Treasurer's Report: Nothing to report.

Correspondence:

Email from Neil Gorman asking to join us on our site visit to Jewett Hill Road. Tim responded that the snow levels would be the deciding factor. Neil Gorman inquired about plans for property across the street from Shepherd's on Jewett Hill Rd. Lot 2, DEP # 93-62.

On 3-29-13 the Commission received a septic design for Andy Krook's lot on New Ipswich Road (map 3, Lot 40.1) from Graz Engineering. Graz Engineering has requested a sign-off for a proposed system with a 300' off-set from the wetland area bordering Trap Falls Brook. Our normal procedure is to conduct a site visit before signing any plans.

Cutting Plan received 3-25-13 from Sisco Timber for cut on Valley Road (Devin Crowe, owner). Chair forwarded the Plan to Roberta who is most familiar with the area. Approved Plan signed by Michael Downey, DCR, received 3-29-13.

Mail from MACC announcing summer workshops.

Old Business:

Bruce Colburn, acting superintendent for Willard Brook State Forest, contacted the Commission about requirements for a proposed maintenance project. Water is flowing into a building. Tim visited and this is actually a repair. He asked Bruce to contact the Commission when snow is gone with a written request.

David Bozza had requested a site visit and subsequent signature on his septic replacement plan for 875 Foster Road. The Commission is waiting for snow melt before scheduling site visits.

Mount Watatic Management Committee Meeting is scheduled for 4-18-13. Agenda has been sent out to representatives of Towns, Land Trusts and the State (DCR and DFW).

Cathy introduced herself to the Town Administrator and showed him the baseline documentation for the Moulton and McCauley properties. She briefed him on the Charitable Giving Forms that may be arriving for both of these properties and that will need a signature.

The baseline studies submitted by the ALT and the ensuing communication with Tim Silva, Conservation Stewardship Consultant were discussed. Cathy has suggested that he meet with the Commission so that all will hear what he has to say and so they he will hear the Commissioners' concerns all at once. This doesn't appear to be possible since Tim works several nights a week. Cathy will work on alternate communication. Tim Silva called Roberta to discuss the Morrison property. Roberta reported that he has the baseline for the property that was assembled close to 10 years ago.

Notice that the Trail Inventory Project and Visitor Guide meeting has been postponed until 4/4/13, same time and place.

New Business:

7:25 PM, invited Mark Archambault to discuss some of the conservation-related items in his work plan. Postponed until May 1st meeting. (Roberta received a call from Mark during the week April 8th and he will meet with the Commission on May 15th.)

Scott Hobart had scheduled a time to ask the Commission questions about how to construct a new house in Ashby that has existing OOC's. The property under discussion is on New Ipswich Rd. and is currently owned by Kathy & William Ross. Order of conditions – 093-0293. He would be amending the existing OOC to move the location of the house and driveway.

Hearings:

8:00 PM DEP#93-337 Continued from 3-20-13 Hearing for an NOI along with supplemental data and plans submitted by Ross Associates and Neil Gorman for the project on Jewett Hill Road (Shepherd Property).

Hearings Scheduled:

The amended NOI for Erickson Road, Terkanian property, has had its hearing continued to April 17 at 8:00 PM. Stan Dillis is the engineer. DEP # 93-307.

The hearing for NOI for Terkanian property has been continued to April 17, at 8:15 PM. DEP #93-336.

Site Visits:

4/3/13 Cathy, Tim, Bob and Roberta met Neil Gorman at Jewett Hill Rd/Shepherd property at 6:45pm and discussed possible mitigation for the installation of the driveway within 6 feet of the stream. None found.

Site Visits Needed:

Terkanian project on Erickson Road.

875 Foster Road. Septic replacement

Krook's lot on New Ipswich Road for septic and house plan from GRAZ Engineering.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Flashman