

Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of March 19, 2014

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

The minutes of the meeting of March 5, 2014 were reviewed and accepted unanimously as written.

Treasurer's Report: nothing to report

Correspondence:

From the Ashby Land Trust: The Annual Meeting including a program on wolves is scheduled for Saturday, 3-22-14, at 10:00 AM at the 1st Parish Church.

Received written approval from North Middlesex for use of the Ashby Elementary School for meeting on March 29th.

Old Business:

Chris MacKenzie (W&B) is aware of difficulties in getting on site in the winter. The site has been staked but snow precludes clear observation. Received from DEP project # 93-339 with added requirements including an alternative analysis and Water Quality Certification. Chris MacKenzie has been in communication with DEP to clarify expectations. The Commission is awaiting clarification.

The Commission appeared before the BOS on 3-12-14 to present concerns about the proposed Tennessee Gas Pipeline through Ashby and adjacent communities. At that meeting, Roberta presented on behalf of the Commission, a request for inclusion on the April Ballot, of a nonbinding resolution for Ashby Selectmen to stand in opposition to the proposed pipeline. The BOS voted to include the resolution. Materials are posted on the website and plans are in place for a Public Informational meeting on March 29, 2014 at 10:00 AM at the AES. All are invited to attend. A flyer has been produced and is being distributed. Tim will post the meeting.

New Business:

Mike and Robert Lambert appeared to talk briefly about Lot 2 property on Wheeler Rd.. They are still awaiting snow cover to melt. Test holes have been created. There's a crossing that the Commission needs to look at. Need to schedule a site visit.

Deborah Pillsbury appeared before the Commission to request permission to continue tapping the trees at Blood Hill. Tim signed the permission. She will ask Dave to give us a summary of what he plans to do for maintenance on the trees this year. March 30th, 10 – 3 Open House at 1033 Jones Hill Rd.

Plans for an informational meeting at AES on March 29, 2014. Subject: Proposed 30" pipeline to be built across Ashby by Kinder Morgan's Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company. Since this meeting is an activity of the Conservation Commission, we will be able print materials for the meeting. The meeting will be videotaped and broadcast live. A motion was made to increase the amount of money to expend on the meeting to \$200. 2nd. The reason for the increase was the need to cover the cost of the janitor for 3 hours. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Discussion of which documents to have posted on the town website. Cathy gave Alan the link to the meeting flyer.

Alan Pease. Bridge over Trap Falls Brook on Greenville Rd. Trees and weeds are starting to destroy the bridge. Don't know who is the owner of the bridge. Alan will work on creating a plan for beginning preservation/restoration on the bridge. This will, most likely, just be to clear the trees from the site.

Meeting of Mt. Watatic Management Committee took place on March 13, 2014. Will be reviewing the management document.

Hearings:

NOI from Ross for 854 South Road. Still continued from 3-5-14 to date uncertain as there is still too much snow cover. NOI from Ross for 854 South Road including installation of a tight tank and additional features not previously approved. Continuation dependent on snow melt to observable conditions and clarification of status of the project with the ZBA. Continued to May 14th, contingent upon completion of the ZBA hearings and determinations.

Whitman and Bingham, an NOI for property at 860 Greenville Road. Continued from 2-19-14 and 3-5-14 To review proposed work in the wetland resource area, #93-339. Snow still covers the lot, so the hearing is continued to April 2, 2014 @ 8:00pm

Hearings Scheduled: None

Site Visits:**Site Visits Needed:**

Weather Dependent

860 Greenville Road. B & W.

854 South Road, Ross Engineering,

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman