

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of December 7, 2016

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

Minutes of the meeting of November 16, 2016 were reviewed and accepted unanimously as written.

Treasurer's Report: Cathy has clarified the billing issues with the Sentinel. Cathy will submit the budget request this week.

Correspondence:

Left in Conservation Commission Box at Town Hall

11-22-16 Request from Jennifer Collins for Approval of Town Licensees. Return by Dec 5, 2016. Chair will respond that we will follow up on complaints if there are any.

11/22/16 FY18 Budget Request Sheets

12-1-16 Letter sign on opportunity from MACC for new interstate gas pipelines. Motion to sign the letter and 2nd. Motion passed with 3 ayes and 1 abstention. – Roberta will send with note about the letter being in direct conflict to your prior admonishing against prejudicing the Commission in case of re-enactment of pipelines.

12-6-16 Request from David E Ross Associate's Neil Gorman for a site walk for John and Tara Hanley, 796 Main St (bike shop), for a sewage disposal system.

UMASS Extension sent the publication, "Increasing Forest Resiliency for an Uncertain Future".

Email correspondence

11-21-16 Environmental Monitoring Report - Week 11, Cassiopeia Solar Farm - 0 & 1128 Main Street

11-30-16 Environmental Monitoring Report - Week 12, Cassiopeia Solar Farm - 0 & 1128 Main Street

12-5-16 Environmental Monitoring Report - Week 13, Cassiopeia Solar Farm - 0 & 1128 Main Street

12-7-16 email from Kate Stacy updating annotations for the Tax Taking lots. Will be reviewed by Planning Board on the 14th. Roberta has spoken with Kate and discussed the Commission's thoughts on the properties.

Janet Morrison asked for a letter of support for their Northern Fitchburg Project grant application. This will be used to purchase 3 properties which will further protect the Fitchburg Reservoir. An email response was sent on Dec 1st and the original will be sent on Dec 8, 2016

Old Business:

Meeting at Mount Wachusett Community College on November 18 (9 - 11:30 am) to discuss cost-effective stormwater solutions for towns. Roberta and 2 members of the Ashby Highway Department attended.

Report on the results of the November 9th Planning Board hearing for the subdivision located on Old Northfield Road and Route 31. OSRD plan withdrawn and back to conventional build.

Further discussion of hunter orange jackets with Conservation Commission identification on them. Bob went to 2 places in Fitchburg. Looking for an orange Shell- with printing. Bob got yellow and waterproof. Will go back for orange shell. Pricing still pending but looks like this will be snuffed.

Forest Legacy monitoring continues: 12-4-16 Cathy and Bob monitored the Packard Property. Only Mikola property left. Will be done on Sunday, Dec 11th.

New Business:

Report on Dec 1, 2016 meeting of Watatic Management Committee. Still no progress on the

management plan.

Stephen Marcoulier delivered form 8A for 402 Jewett Hill Rd. Needs a site visit. 978-894-4305
Tentative site visit for noon on Dec 16th. – or sooner.**Hearings:** None

Hearings Scheduled: None

Site Visits: None

Site Visits Needed:

584 Main Street, New well. Mike Bussell. Dec 16?? – Tim will contact Mike

796 Main St, new sewage disposal system – Dec 16th after Jewett Hill

Cassiopeia Solar Farm - 0 & 1128 Main Street – Dec 16th after 796 Main St

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Flashman