

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of February 3, 2016

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

After a review of the minutes of the meeting of January 20, 2016 a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes with a change to Mark Snyder's name spelling. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Received checks for the proposed Solar installation by Lodestar on Bill Duffy's property on Main St. – \$1712.50 and \$250. \$9 from petty cash for printing maps. FY17 budget was submitted – level funded with some movement within some of the line items.

Correspondence:

The Ashby Land Trust sent the Commission a copy of the Monitoring Report for the Morrison Property. A motion was made to accept the Monitoring Report, 2ndd and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Email copy of communication between DEP documenting winter stabilization of the Sikkila's driveway on West Road.

Roberta received a call from Marielle Stone, DEP, to check on the status of Sikkila project. She noticed that there were no Superseding Orders of Condition and wanted to know what we thought about that. Phone and email communication with Denise Childs, DEP, acting temporary Wetlands Section Chief also about the Sikkila project.

Phone call from Joe Bellino, DEP, wanting an email to document the Commission's stance on the way the Sikkila project was left last Fall. Roberta will write and copy the Commission.

Tim received a call from someone who was looking at the old ice cream stand and is thinking of building a business. 4 acres. Would like a site visit before Feb 15.

Old Business:

Update of information and discussion of the proposed gas pipeline. Directly impacted towns are allocating some funding to fighting the pipeline, but don't expect that Ashby would have any money.

Report of horse manure too close to wetland resource, Richardson Rd. This needs a site visit? Bob is contacting owner.

MACC annual conference will be held this year at Holy Cross College in Worcester on March 5, 2016. So far 3 Commissioners will attend.

MassDEP has revised its **Snow Disposal Guidance** to assist municipalities with snow management. Cathy has created a map with topo base, roads, parcels, wetlands, NHESP, and open space. The Chair has contacted the Highway Supt. to schedule a meeting. Meeting on Feb 4th @ 10:00am. .

New Business:

Dave Pillsbury appeared for approval of tapping of the trees again this year. State now has a weekend for State wide open house – March 20th. Trees are still in good shape as evidence by the tapping hole healing well each year. Commission voted to allow tapping again this year. Unclear what sugaring will be able to be done with the weather as warm as it has been.

Cathy created and had printed 3 maps for discussion with Bill Davis about sites in town for disposal of snow. \$3/ea. She will submit to petty cash for \$9.

Hearings:

8:00 PM, NOI for Lodestar/0Main. The ORAD is in agreement with the delineation on map 8 parcel 57. Project calls for the clearing and the installation of a solar field array of panels. Stream crossing involved.

8:30 Heidi Messing from Camp Middlesex, NOI for project at the Camp.

Hearings Scheduled: (None)

Site Visits:

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Terkanian Property, inspection of silt barriers and wetland markings. Dan Proctor with Cathy, Roberta and Tim. Ok to proceed with tree removal from proposed drive.

Ducharme and Dillis acknowledging a visit to 126 Turnpike Rd. for solar array. Bob. Tim, Cathy and Roberta.

Heywood Rd – new construction, map 4, lot 31, Soilsmith. Doug Smith, with full commission. New plans to be submitted move all disturbances outside the buffer zone.

West Road, Sean Wechsler owner, Driveway permit to open stone wall and layout drive all outside the BVW. Tim, Roberta and Cathy

Davis Road, signed septic plans for Soilsmith. All outside the wetlands. All commissioners in attendance.

Site Visits Needed:

Richardson Rd, McCaulay. Horse Manure in the wetland

The old Sheldon ice cream stand. Would like a site visit before Feb 15

Review of changes to the Lodestar Solar Farm project

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Flashman