

Ashby Conservation Commission

Agenda for the Meeting of March 16, 2016

The meeting opened at 7:31pm with Roberta Flashman, Tim Bauman, Bob Leary and Cathy Kristofferson in attendance.

Minutes of the meeting of March 2, 2016 were reviewed and accepted as written unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Tim will submit mileage for reimbursement for driving to MACC Annual Conference.

Correspondence:

An anonymous letter was received reporting siltation from driveway into stream at 1342 Richardson Road. This is the 2nd or 3rd notification of the problem. The Commission viewed the property and sent the owner a letter – see below in Old Business.

Heidi Messig sent proof of recording of OOC on the deed of Camp Middlesex.

Notice of a tax lien for foreclosure from the Commonwealth of Mass Land Court for Jennifer Johnson/Kenneth Honkala, 688 Jones Hill Road. We found an outstanding OOC 93-186 on the property which required a replication area. Nothing received requesting a COC and no site visits were done to ascertain whether the replication had been planted. There appear to be blueberry bushes on the property – in rows- in an area that looks like it might have been the intended spot for a replication via Google Earth. This property has been viewed by Cathy and Roberta when monitoring the Mickola property (Forest Legacy). Someone needs to check with Kate Stacy about this notice and its meaning or import to the town.

Old Business:

Update of information and discussion of the proposed gas pipeline. DPU petitions to allow survey actions are on-going.

Follow-up and review of the MACC annual conference at Holy Cross College in Worcester on Saturday, March 5, 2016. Three commissioners attended. Materials now available on line.

Further communication with DEP, outlining the status of the Sikkila project. The Commission's Enforcement Order is still in effect. Still in a waiting mode for the Superseding Order from DEP. Received new plans on March 8, 2016. Commissioners will review plans, although they are very hard to work with because of the scale – 1" to 100'

Chair wrote a letter to McAuley property on 664 Richardson Road Horse manure about Wetlands violations on the property – move the manure pile to outside the 100 ft buffer zone to the wetland. CC to BOH. Suggested that she come into the Commission to talk about the problem.

Chair wrote a letter to Josh Marble, 1342 Richardson Rd. Ashby, MA about the reported run off from driveway entering roadway and washing into brook.

New Business:

Bill Duffy came in to see about an OOC on his deed and how to have it removed. The OOC was from 1993 – when he built the house. Cathy emailed him form 8A. The original plan called for a replication area. Bill said he would move his fencing to permanently keep the horses out of the stream and wetland. This might be acceptable in place of a replication. He will submit form 8A.

Neil Gorman had a question about Lot 1B, New Ipswich Rd, Rene Rainville. Lot had been subdivided from the Umphress lot (now Sheid). Plan is now being revised to put the septic in the front of the house, rather than the back. Tim signed the new plan since the wetlands have not moved and now the system is further away.

Hearings: (None)

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Site Visits:

3-9-2016 1:00 PM New Ipswich Road, Met with Harald and Beth Ann Scheid to review plans for a cottage community project. Full Commission in attendance. Alternatives for the route of the driveway were discussed. A general area of development was outlined which would keep all development 100 ft from wetlands and streams. The exception would be a crossing of the stream from an entrance on New Ipswich Rd. The alternative entrance off Main St would run a driveway next to a very steep incline that heads down to a stream and would become steeper with development, since the drive would need to be wider than the existing cart road.

Site Visits Needed:

Chris McKenzie Project Engineer, Whitman & Bingham Associates, LLC regarding RDA Foster Road site?

Meeting was adjourned 8:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman