

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of January 4, 2017
Ashby Town Hall, 895 Main St, Land Use Room, 7:30 PM

The meeting was opened at 7:32pm with Tim, Bob and Cathy.

Motion made and seconded to conference in Roberta. Unanimous 3-0.

Roberta joined at 7:43pm

Review of the minutes of the meeting of December 21, 2016

Motion made and seconded to accept as submitted.

Roll vote Tim:Yes, Bob:Yes, Cathy:Yes, Roberta:Abstain

Motion passes 3-0-1

Treasurer's Report

Cathy reports that the Commission's sub-account charges have been corrected with the Town Accountant.

Correspondence:

12-23-16 Call received from Derek Saari requesting an agenda spot for 1-18-2017 for an NOI for Brodmerkle project on Whitney Road. Chair confirmed 8:00 PM Public Hearing on 1-18-17. Applicant promised a timely submission of up-to-date plans.

12-19-16 Received holiday card from LEC.

12-19-16 email received from Kate Stacy, Ashby Treasurer, updating status of the Selectmen's action on the list of tax-title properties. The email confirmed the notes from the Selectboard.

12-29-16: Cutting Plan received from Philip Thayer for 12 acre lot off Jewett Hill Road for property owned by Louis A. Barrette. Cutting Plan received was the application, not the approval.

Received after agenda posting:

Notification received from Jennifer Collins about culvert funding notice received from Division of Ecological Restoration. Funding for design work only.

Invite received from MACC to submit materials for 60 Year anniversary presentation. Also notice of special session on the new public records law at the annual conference.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The Massachusetts Public Records Law went into effect 1-1-2017. Cathy got the preliminary information sheet from the Town Clerk, the Records Access Officer for the Town of Ashby, for how the Town will be handling public record requests. Info sheet will be attached to these Minutes.

Cathy brought an endorsement letter for municipal leaders regarding clean energy to the Select Board. It was signed at their last meeting. The letter will be attached to these Minutes.

David Cowell and Brian Geaudreau of Hancock Associates for Brite Excavating regarding RDA for Old Northfield Rd proposed subdivision. The applicant believes the wetland is non-jurisdictional isolated wetland. It is hydrologic BVW, IVW, wetland vegetation but not contiguous to another waterbody. Does not meet ILSF qualification due to grade. Most likely below surface groundwater. Beyond wetlands flags only found upland vegetation. Delineated isolated area is 4,168 sq. ft. Plan is to install at 12" culvert to handle conveyance to handle 100 year storm with headwall on either side. Headwall would be concrete with guardrails. Minimum cover is 12" earth cover. Minimum 24" above current grade. Easement is 50' and road is 24' wide. Crossing would fill approximately 1,200 sq ft.

Motion made and seconded: Issue negative condition with the following conditions: slit fence and straw wattles during construction; no runoff into the wetland; jute matting to stabilize slopes within the delineated wetland area. Erosion control and stabilization as shown on Sheet 7 of Revision 3 Definitive Subdivision Plan Overlook Drive dated 12/28/2016

Roll vote: Bob yes, Tim yes, Cathy yes, Roberta Nay. Motion passed 3-1

Hearings:

None

Hearings Scheduled:

1-18-17 8:00 PM, NOI Brodmerkle / Whitney Road

Site Visits

None

Site Visits Needed:

584 Main Street, New well. FL

Adjourned at 8:34pm.

Attachments: Public Records Requests info sheet, BOS endorsement letter

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Kristofferson