

Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of August 2, 2017

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

The minutes of the meeting of July 19, 2017 were reviewed and accepted unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$112.50 ANRAD from Scott Goddard. \$7.08 petty cash for postage.

**Correspondence:**

7-21-17	Received Environmental Monitoring Report Week 44 for Cassiopeia Solar Farm 0 & 1128 Main Street. It seems like it might be time for another site visit. <b>Thursday, Aug 10, @9:00am – Cathy will contact and try to arrange this time and date.</b>
7-25-2017	Received Environmental Monitoring Report Week 45 for Cassiopeia Solar Farm 0 & 1128 Main Street.
7-24-2017	Request from Duscharme and Dillis for a presentation at the 8-2-2017 meeting to clear up the Enforcement Order for 151 Erickson Road. They will file an RDA so they can access the existing septic area and perform the required soil testing. Stan Dillis and Jack Maloney.
7-28-2017	MACC introduces Dorothy McGlincy as MACC's new Executive Director.
7-29-2017	Received weeks 46 and 47 for Cassiopeia Solar Farm 0 & 1128 Main Street.
7-31-2017	Email from Neil Gorman, requesting a site visit and sign off on replacement septic system for 191 Damon Road, owned by John Okerman and Amy Aubertin. The project is not proposing a work within wetland buffer zones. <b>Thursday, August 10 @ 8:45am.</b>
8-1-2017	Proposed update to NHESP Atlas takes away most of Ashby's Rare & Estimated Habitat!
	EEA has started new online permitting process. Wetlands are not included. Eventually this will hook into the eDEP process, one would imagine.

**Old Business:**

Commission received new wetland markers from Voss Signs.

In review of the Ashby Land Trust (ALT) request for assistance with dealing with Blood Hill issues, the Commission notes that the Blood Hill management committee had already approved that signage be installed by ALT. ALT should just order them and put them up. The Commission will discuss paying for the signs when we find out how expensive they are.

Enforcement Order issued for construction at 969 Main Street, (Mark Bigwood, owner). All the Commissioners signed the Enforcement Order. Roberta spoke with the Town Administrator about how to deal with the actions of the building inspector in negating the Commission's Enforcement Order. Roberta will start a letter to the Selectmen. The document will be open for the rest of the Commissioners to edit/comment. Hope to complete and send to the Select Board before their next meeting.

Commission has corresponded with Megan Twyver re: 242 Deer Bay Rd. Neil Gorman will add their external work to the septic plan. They will entertain moving the deck to the removed addition location. Owners will be doing internal work in the meantime. Ross Associates will include the wetland bounds on the plan. We will await the NOI for the property.

Our request for help with assessing the situation with Deer Bay Road to DEP was answered with a suggestion to file an Enforcement Order (EO). The Commission issued an EO tonight for the driveway work, since that was unauthorized and is not stabilized and is within the 100 ft buffer to the pond. Roberta will check with Town Hall for PO Box and mail it out by certified mail.

Cathy has been communicating with Tom Peragallo to get a proposal for a peer review of the Goddard site on Jewell Hill Rd. Decision to use Tom's services was approved last meeting. The Commission had been waiting for information from Goddard about the testing that had been done. Since that has not been forthcoming, the Commission will proceed with requesting the peer review with the intent to complete it before the upcoming hearing on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

An Enforcement Order was filed with Dep and mailed to the owner for 151 Erickson Road. Jack Maloney, Ross Associates, subsequently submitted an RDA for work to be done for the work on the property. The property had been sold recently. A neighbor reported that there was work in the wetlands on the property. The Commission had seen a backhoe behind the house and stones appeared to have been moved. Jack stated that these stones were brought onto the property. There is a lot of work to be done that is exploratory to determine whether the system that was installed will meet the new code for Title V. Jack feels that the activity is exempt from the Wetlands Protection Act (the Act). Tim had questions about the stability/strength of the crossing and whether it would stand up to the machinery to be used for test holes. It was agreed that the Commission would get an email with the time and date of the testing so that the crossing could be evaluated with the Commission present. Activities that are minor and required for planning are exempt from the Act. Roberta made a motion to issue a negative determination with the proviso that there be notification. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor. Tim will write the determination.

The Commission members signed the OOC for 420 Main Street, Bennett Estate (Ross Associates). Neil Gorman picked it up tonight.

Roberta will start a letter to Selectmen about the building inspector and the lack of action on the Sikkila zoning violations. This letter will be available to the other Commissioners for editing and comment. She would like to issue the letter before the next Selectmen's meeting next Wednesday.

**Hearings:** none

**Hearings Scheduled:**

8-16-2017	8:00 PM	ANRAD submitted by Scott Goddard for Lot 0 on West and Jewett Hill Roads.
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**Site Visit:**

7-24-2017	Megan Twyver, Owner of 242 Deer Bay Rd. Commission was asked for clarification of what would be permissible in renovation and addition to structure. Found that proposed deck would have footings on the edge of the wetlands. Will not allow. Suggest moving the deck to the side of the house where the demolition of an addition is being proposed.
7-24-2017	Commission met with Steve Beauregard and the Highway Dept. on Damon Road regarding a failed culver. No jurisdictional wetlands involved: road runoff.

**Site Visits Needed:**

8-10-2017 @8:45am	a site visit for replacement septic system for 191 Damon Road, owned by John Okerman and Amy Aubertin. The project is not proposing a work within wetland buffer zones.
8-10-2017 @9:00am	Cassiopeia Solar Farm 0 & 1128 Main Street. Monitoring reports appear to show some problems with rain and runoff.
8-10-2017 @9:30am	Peer review of the Goddard site on Jewell Hill Rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman