

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of October 4, 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 September 20, 2017 were reviewed and amended and accepted with a time of adjournment of 10:10pm. Need a signed copy for our records. Roberta will print and bring to the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Receipts from Bob for 2 certified mailings sent - \$14.16. – paid from petty cash. Received check for Hourihan NOI of \$67.50.

Correspondence:

9-26-2017	phone call from Andy Krook for 0 West Rd. Wants site visit for wetland bounds marking. He will send a plan and then we will schedule a site visit.
9-27-2017	received plans from Doug Smith at SoilSmith for 113 County Rd.
9-28-2017	email from Scott Goddard regarding issued ORAD
9-29-2017	received notification from MACC of their Fall Conference
9-29-2017	received from Mark Popham plans and wetlands resource review for 0 West Rd.
10-3-2017	email with David Cowell with request to continue hearing for 0 Fitchburg Rd. to 10/18
10-3-2017	emails from Neil Gorman with updated plans for 411 South Rd and 242 Deer Bay Rd.
10-4-2017	email with Scott Goddard about the status of ORAD
10-4-2017	email from Council on Aging informing all that they intend to move their office to the Land Use Room. Response to email: Have spoken to Town Clerk. Land Use room is for meetings. Don't know if Planning Board or ZBA were informed of COA plans.

Old Business:

In response to our Enforcement Order issued for Deer Bay Rd/Horihan, the Commission received the NOI from John Hourihan today. Bob will review the application and contact Mr. Hourihan for any deficiencies and to assign a time for the hearing.

Enforcement Order issued for construction at 969 Main Street, (Mark Bigwood, owner). Updates from discussions with DEP. Bob talked with DEP. Denise called him. Cell phone 978-424-5760. Email – biggs56@verizon.net She wants us to tell her next step, however, she thinks the Google street view of the property show a pre-existing deck.

600 Main St. wetland impacts (Forbes) – still no response to our letter

Mike Bussell needed the building permit signed. Bob signed the permit application. Should put up fencing to limit work area and ensure that cement trucks don't rinse off equipment within the buffer zone.

Scott Goddard came to discuss the ORAD. Stated that felt ORAD should talk about the wetland bounds only. Explained why we marked it as modified – in that it was not the original plan submitted with the application. After our explanation, he was fine with the ORAD.

Lots 6 & 7 West Road. Bob signed off on the plan after much discussion during tonight's meeting. Bob will call to let them know they can pick up the plan at Town Hall – BOH box.

New Business:

Forest legacy annual monitoring - didn't discuss in the meeting. Will discuss at the next meeting.

Member cards received from MACC

180 Turnpike Rd. David Martin . No DEP number at the front of the project. The house plan does not correspond to the plan for the OOC. Need to call and ask for a site visit. DEP# 93-0360. Roberta will continue to try to reach him. She took a copy of the plan and OOC.

Hearings:

7:50 - continued hearing for 411 South Road, Cordio, septic replacement, new plan submission. Cathy will write the OOC. Hearing closed at 8:17pm

8:00 - continued hearing for 2 lots on Fitchburg State Road by Hancock Associates. Received notice from applicant to continue until next meeting.

8:30 - NOI 242 Deer Bay Rd, septic replacement & building improvements Cathy will write the OOC. Hearing closed at 8:34

9:00 - NOI for septic system replacement for Rodney and Donna Fors, 113 County Rd. Bob will write the OOC. Hearing closed at 9:19. Cathy will put the conditions onto Google Drive so that all can work on the conditions.

Scheduled Hearings:

October 21, 2017 8:00pm 0 Fitchburg State Rd

Site Visits:

9/28 - 8:30am, 113 County Rd, septic replacement. Plans showed little opportunity for moving system further from the wetlands.

9/28 - 9:00am, 0 Fitchburg State Rd, Hancock Associated NOI - 2 single family houses and septic systems and driveway with a wetland crossing. Spent 2 hours reviewing the new plans and viewing proposed site for homes. Need a 2nd visit to compare new plan with original.

10/4/17 242 Deer Bay Road, options for siting tight tank – this site visit was skipped because Neil Gorman informed the Commission that the area inside the driveway circle had ledge.

10/4/17 Locke Rd, daycare septic replacement. Signed the Plan because all the construction was out of the 100 ft buffer to the wetland. Need to put siltation barriers along driveway from house so that trucks can access the site but no damage enters the wetlands.

10/4/17 Sharon McCusker, plan for adding a 2nd septic tank to their system. Signed the plan since all the work was either out of the buffer zone or greater than 50 ft from the wetland with grass already established. Additionally, the area was buffered from the wetland by a building.

10/4/17 Lots 6 & 7 West Road. Wetland boundary. The applicant had not marked the wetland bound as requested. Instead, the applicant had a consultant do 5 soil tests for hydric soils. The Commission found all the test sites. The late summer vegetation near these sites were less than 50% wetland vegetation.

Site Visits Needed: 2nd site visit for 0 Fitchburg Rd.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:49 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Flashman