

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of November 1, 2017

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

Minutes of the meeting of October 18, 2017 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: \$67.50 received for Hourihan NOI.

Correspondence:

10-18-2017	received revised plan for 411 South from Ross Assoc. that was requested during the 10/18/17 meeting.
10-19-2017	received resume for the Land Use Agent opening. Forwarded the resume to Planning Board.
10-19-2107	phone call from Justin Adams. Requested a site visit for Deer Bay Road COC. Conducted 10/27/17. COC issued tonight.
10-19-2017	Received septic replacement plans from Clair Lavin(in person) for the property at 143 Wilker Road. Would like a sign off before the upcoming BOH meeting if possible.
10-21-2017	received revised plan for 180 Turnpike from Ducharme & Dillis that was requested during the 10/18/17 meeting.
10-23-2017	phone call from MRPC regarding issued Orders. Noted that the OOC had the property listed as Country Rd instead of County Rd. Suggested that he make the change. We offered to print new orders, but that would have required new signatures. The mistake came from the information pulled from the NOI within the DEP system.
10-24-2017	phone call from Dan Proctor's office 978-582-4764 requesting site visit for Erickson Rd, Terkanian property. Tim and Cathy did the site visit on 10/26/17. Original driveway will still be used for construction access. Need to remove plastic netted siltation barriers.
10-24-2017	emails with Brian Geaudreau regarding Brite / Hancock/ Planning Board discussions
10-26-2017	email from Hancock Assoc. requesting continuation of the hearing for tonight to a later date. Also inquired about what the meeting dates might be for Nov & Dec.
11/1/17	email from Unitil about cutting trees on Town's property on Turnpike Rd. Would like a site visit. Commission members are unlikely to give consent to cut large trees.

Old Business:

600 Main St. wetland impacts, follow up letter to be sent. Nothing has happened. Unclear whether a follow up letter was sent. Original letter sent by Bob.

Report back on meeting with town counsel re: Sikkila earth removal. This becomes an onerous task falling predominantly upon the building inspector. Requires that he personally witness the trucks removing gravel from the site. Town counsel warned all town officials not to enter the property.

Owners, Twyver and Kulik, delivered the deed registry stamped Orders of Conditions for 242 Deer Bay Road,. Tim signed their building permit.

Certificate of Compliance issued for 137 Deer Bay Rd.

Sign the building permit for Andy Krook. We don't have an OOC or Determination of Applicability since he submitted a statement from a wetlands biologist stating that the building site was more than 100 ft. from any wetlands.

New Business:

80 Flint Rd / Brownell. Roberta and Cathy found an unpermitted construction of a small house on wetland edge. OOC has specified no mowing or removal of natural vegetation within 30 ft. of the edge

of the entire circumference of the pond. Next steps? Check with Building Inspector for issuance of building permit. Tim called Peter Niall during the meeting and left a message.

A larger issue here is: Why is the building inspector issuing building permits when there is ground to be broken outside of the footprint of the existing home without a signature from the Conservation Commission confirming that the proposed construction is outside of the wetlands?

Hearings:

8:00 - continued hearing for 2 lots on Fitchburg State Road by Hancock Associates. The hearing was postponed by request of applicants to 8:30pm on 11/15/17. Motion to forward the email trail that explains why the Con Comm. wasn't at the Planning Board meeting to the Planning Board. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Hearings scheduled:

11-15-2017	8:00 - hearing for NOI Hourihan
11-15-2017	8:30 - continued hearing for 2 lots on Fitchburg State Road by Hancock Associates

Site Visits:

10-24-2017	Received septic replacement plans from Clair Lavin for the property at 143 Wilker Road. Roberta & Cathy conducted the site walk and found no wetlands within 100 ft. of the proposed leaching field. Roberta signed the plans, but noted that siltation barriers should be placed at the bottom of the fill for the leach field.
10-27-2017	137 Deer Bay, COC; Erickson Rd driveway; Tim and Cathy. All was stabilized even in the face of the heavy rain over the weekend.
10-27-2017	Terkanian/Erickson Rd. Reviewed the new placement of erosion controls on the new driveway entrance to the property. Now using filter socks, but have not yet removed the filter mitts with the plastic coverings.

Site Visits Needed:

Hourihan NOI Deer Bay Rd. Commissioners have visited this property at least one time already, but some Commissioners want a 2nd visit to augment the plans submitted with the NOI.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman