

Ashby Conservation Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting of April 5, 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 March 15, 2017 were reviewed and accepted unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Correspondence:**

Call from Mark Moscinski, builder, regarding 462 Davis Rd., plans for new house and septic system. Chair explained that it would be tough to observe with the snow.

3-27-17 email from Neil Gorman, Ross Associates, postponing his submittal of the project for a proposed addition to the existing house at #10 Davis Road, (Owners: Rudolf & Barbara Lahti) Assessor's Map 4, Parcel 40 to the next meeting. This is scheduled for 4/19/17

3-20-2017 Gael Meyer of REMax sent emails inquiring about the current status of 471 Wheeler Rd and its proximity to the Kinder Morgan pipeline originally proposed to cross Ashby. She also informed the Commission that the property is in Ch 61 and is being sold. This activates the right of first refusal when an actual P&S is signed. She (or owners) will need to get the property cleared by the Selectmen. Cathy sent the realtor a map of the pipeline route.

3-28-2017 Chair received a call from Wendy Juchnevics-Freeman of New Ipswich Planning Board seeking information about the Sikkila Project on West Road. The Chair provided our Google-Log of the project.

3-28-2017 Scott Kaiser, Water Resources Planner + Spatial Analyst | CEO Geospatial Planning Advisors solicited consulting work from the Commission via email.

3-31-17 copy of communication from John M. Deline, Jr., Deputy Commissioner of Water Supply, Fitchburg DPW – Division of Water Supply to Soilsmith about the project at 71 Russell Hill Road and its proximity to a stream that flows to the reservoir. Fitchburg DPW is an abutter to the Mulford property on Russell Hill Rd. 4-1-2017, Chair spoke with the applicant (Pam Mulford) who requested the project be withdrawn for later refileing.

4-3-17 Superseding Order of Conditions for Brodmerkle on Whitney Road. DEP # 93-358 from Denise Child, Wetlands Section Chief, Bureau of Water Resources, DEP.

3-11-17 Received Environmental Monitoring Report Week 28 for Cassiopeia Solar Farm 0 & 1128 Main Street, Representative scheduled to appear (Mark Arnold) is to attend the meeting of 4-5-17 for discussion and progress report. Also, week 29 received 3/24 and week 30 received 4/3

From MACC: Our invoice-1663 for \$460.00 for attendance at the Spring Conference. This has already been paid.

Mass DEP, Denise Childs, sent the Commission a CD with a copy of all the main documents from the Brodmerkle project. Also, included a thumb drive from Derek Saari which contains the video of the commission hearing.

3-30-17 Mass. Wildlife, Division of Fisheries and Wildlife announced the availability of the Draft Priority Habitat map for public comment beginning April 3, 2017

4-3-17 Soilsmith sent the plans for plantings for 71 Russell Hill Road(Mulford). The project has since been withdrawn.

Soilsmith sent the Commission copies of two different Sentinel ads (1003 Main Street and 71 Russell Hill Road).

4-5-17 Mark Arnold from Goddard Consulting left plans in the Commission mail slot at the town hall for a "Minor Field Change" - Cassiopeia Solar Farm. He followed up "with apologies for this late notice," sent via email.

**Old Business:**

The Chair spoke with the Highway Department Superintendent regarding dirt and materials being dragged out onto Main Street connected with the snow removal program. Assurances received that it would cease to be a problem.

Issued a Negative Determination of Applicability for Soilsmith for septic replacement to Doug Smith (Soilsmith) for 1003 Main Street, BLR Property Management tonight.

Mark Arnold, Goddard Consulting, and Jordan Belknap, Lodestar Energy LLC, appeared to review the project and changes that would amend the problems viewed on site in March. While there is urgency to finish the planting of the replication area before the end of April, there is also a more urgent need to stabilize the site and prevent water from flowing through the replication area site before the planting can be done. The Commission also made suggestions on how to improve the weekly reporting so that it can be more concise and informative.

**New Business:**

Ken Chaplin appeared to speak to the Commission about his project on Allen Rd. Cathy will send him information on how to advertise for a hearing.

Graz Engineering appeared with Mark Moscinski, builder, regarding 462 Davis Rd., to present and discuss plans for a new house and septic system that will be built on a lot that now has a tiny house in place. Graz Engineering brought stream stats for the stream that flows by the house to prove that it is an effemeral stream rather than perennial. Need a bit more information before can sign off on the plans. Cathy and Tim visited the site on 3-30-2017. All the trees had been removed from the building site and site for new septic system. The site had become very muddy.

Issued an Order Of Conditions to Mr. Martin for 180 Turnpike Road. DEP # 93-360 tonight.

There appears to be a need for the Earth Removal Board to investigate the unpermitted removal of materials from the Sikkila site on West Road. Bob will check with the board.

**Hearings:**

8:30 PM hearing continued from 3-1-17, NOI from Stuart Mulford, Prepared by Doug Smith of Soilsmith. The hearing was not continued since this project has been withdrawn.

**Hearings Scheduled:** none**Site Visits:**

3-30-2017 Brian Cote property, Plans for new house and septic prepared by Graz Engineering. Need further information and reworking of the plan. No flagging and some stream questions unanswered. Tim communicated the same to Engineer and builder. Tim and Cathy

**Site Visits Needed:**

corner of Allen Rd and Valley Rd.

10 Davis Rd.

Cassiopeia Solar Farm - 0 & 1128 Main Street

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman.