

Ashby Conservation Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting of April 18, 2018

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 April 4, 2018 were reviewed and accepted with a correction, unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** The online Handbook has been activated for \$15 for the year, starting now.

**Correspondence:**

- 4/8/2018 : emails from Harold Chattaway regarding excavation at Brite Excavating project
- 4/8/2018: email from DFW "Seasonal Bear Reminder to Conservation Commissions
- 4/10/2018 email from Stan Dillis that he will not be ready for a hearing on May 2, 2018 for Terkanian. The Commission has tentatively scheduled the hearing for 5/16.
- 4/10/2018 email from John Forest with progress report for the building at 70 Beaver Dam
- 4/10/2018 received the DEP File #093-0376 for Mattis, 284 Deer Bay Road.
- 4/17/18 Cathy confirmed with Steve Beuregard that the catch basins on South Rd across from South Rd Fields are connected and drain to the fields.

**Old Business:**

The Commission continues to sort and clean-out the file cabinets for an hour prior to meetings

**New Business:**

Harold Chattaway brought pictures and video to share with the Commission. He had heard tractors working on the Brite Construction property behind him. They haven't yet requested a preconstruction site visit. Mr. Chattaway reported that they have started taking down trees on the lower 2 lots. He reported that the road is much longer than had been reported on the plans for the project. The Commission needs to email the project manager to get a pre-construction site visit. – Cathy contacted him via email during this meeting, and Brian Geaudreau emailed back that he would contact Mr. Breitmeier and make sure a pre-construction site visit is scheduled.

The Commissioners signed and issued the Certificate of Compliance for 67 Luke Road.

David Leeds, who lives at 184 Wheeler Rd, brought in his building permit application looking for the Commission's sign off. He would like to build a garage and a driveway to it. The Commission will visit the site on Friday, April 20, 2018 so they can sign off on the building permit if nothing requires a wetlands permit.

Cathy will research how and if the Conservation Commission could enter into an MOU to protect Native Ceremonial Stone Landscapes.

**Hearings:** None

**Hearings scheduled:**

- May 16th at 8:00 pm, Stan Dillis, Terkanian on Erickson Road.
- May 2nd at 8:30 pm, NOI, 284 Deer Bay Road, Neil Gorman/Ross Associates, for Mattis

**Site Visits:**

- 0 Erickson Road, site visit for an expired Orders with Stan Dillis and Dan Proctor, Tim, Roberta and Cathy on site. Walked the driveway and the extension on the far side of the brook. Relocated the driveway on the other side of the brook by marking the center a newly proposed location for the driveway that would move the driveway away from the edge of the wetlands. Stan told us he would mark this on the plan. At the crossing near the road he would install 2 straw bales below the check dam to capture the siltation. The Commission re-marked the wetland receiving water from the culvert near the beginning of the driveway - Stan will include these markers on the plan.
- 4-5-2018, 67 Luke Rd, COC review, Tim, Roberta and Cathy walked the property and found that all the siltation barriers had been removed and everything is stable. Tire tracks runs from the vernal pool to the low point in the field. These were acting as a trench to drain the pool.
- 4-13-18, 0 South Road. Peer Review of the property conducted by Tom Peragallo. Roberta, Cathy and Tim plus clients, Bob Leary and Janet Flinkstrom were in attendance. The wet areas appear to be connected to the next field wet area. The Commission needs to check with Highway Department to see how the culverts are connected – it appears that seeps from the property enter the culverts and connect to the wetland in the field. If they connect, then the wetlands on the property are protectable and have a buffer zone that has to be respected with any new construction. The Commission will receive a written report from Tom Peragallo once all issues are resolved. The report will be used as a basis for a Determination of Applicability on the project.
- 4-11-2018 . Tim approved some marked tree removal prior to the tight tank installation at 242 Deer Bay Road. Gary Smith is the Contractor.
- 4-11-2018 0 West Road, Goddard DEP appeal, Roberta and Cathy met with Scott Goddard and Gary Dulmaine, DEP. Gary reviewed the ANRAD for the property. Lot 4, nothing coming out of the drainage pipe from the road. Lot 2, drainage from the culvert is flowing onto the property. Applicant plans to reroute the water along the lot line. Potential vernal pools still had ice covering them: no activity. This is similar to the rest of Ashby this year. Walked around the 3 pools as well as the fronts of the 4 lots. One of the lots also has a proposed wall to be built within 5 ft of the edge of the road.

**Site Visits Scheduled:**

Scheid, New Ipswich Rd. COC for their septic replacement – Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm

**Site Visits Needed:** none

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman