

Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of July 18, 2018

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

The minutes of the meeting of July 2 were reviewed and accepted unanimously. The minutes of the meeting of July 11, 2018 were reviewed and accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: certified postage for mailing of Northstone Builder - \$6.91 paid from petty cash

Correspondence:

- 7/16 - emails with MassDEP assigning the file number, DEP#93-381, for Lot 4 South Rd.
- 7/16 - Certified mail receipt from Northstone Builders, LLC – from our mailing of the OOC
- 7/16 – Informational Mailer from Ocean River Institute about fertilizing lawns and their services.
- 7-16 - Informational Mailer from NEAgTech about their proposal for a combination of greenhouses and solar power for agricultural development in Ashby. This was sent to owners of more than 7 acres and is clearly looking for location for growing marijuana.

Old Business:

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

Library public well issues. The Library will try to make repairs without having trucks enter the wetlands.

Ceremonial Stone Landscapes MOU – Ashby Historical Commission unanimously voted for and signed the MOU. A motion made and 2nd for the Commission to sign the MOU. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion

Issued OOC for DEP#93-381, lot 4, South Rd

Issued OOC for DEP#93-380, 9 Taylor Rd.

New Business:

Eric and Patsee Krook, 854 South Rd. Want to redo the existing deck. Need a site visit. Scheduled site visit for July 20 @ 8:00am.

Tom and Erin Snow, Jewett Hill Rd, Building Permit for new single family home. Prior site visit proved that there were no wetlands on site. Chair signed the building permit.

Bob Hegerty and son inquired about the lot on Valley Rd. They also inquired about the Pomerleau lot on Allen Rd. They are looking for land in town to build a home for son. The Commission members suggested that when they find a possible parcel, that they contact the Commission so that we can walk the site with them before they purchase with the intent of identifying wetlands for them.

DEP/DCR Forestry Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) & Updated Forestry Regulations have been updated with little or no comment time. Cathy will review for relevant changes.

Cathy attended MACC webinar on native plantings for flood and roadside control and found it extremely informative. She will try to find sources for the rest of the Commission to view.

We received our 2 new copies of the WPA Regulations that we ordered.

Hearings: none

Hearings Scheduled:

August 1, 8:00pm, Ross Assoc., Mattis at 284 Deer Bay Rd, continuation

Site Visits:

7/17 - 8:30 am, Bruce Adams, Mason Rd. Cathy, Tim, Bob and Roberta met on site with Bruce Adams to see what features might be on the property that would appeal to the town and warrant exercising the option to purchase a piece of property being removed from Chapter 61. There are no wetlands on the property. The lot has been cleared on the south side of the property, away from the stream on the north side of the property. The Commission should be receiving the Chapter 61 letter requesting release and will deliberate and vote on the release at that time.

Site Visits needed:

Friday, July 20 @ 8:00am 854 South Rd. Want to redo the existing deck.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Flashman