

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of August 15, 2018
*** NO QUORUM ***

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm with Bob Leary, Cathy Kristofferson in attendance.

No Minutes reviewed, no Treasurer's Report.

Correspondence:

- 8/3 - call from F&W about silting in Trap Fall Brook at their WMA, Roberta & Cathy met them onsite to discuss.
- 8/2 - email from Megan Twyver with latest environmental monitor report
- 8/7 - call from John Brownell regarding site visit for moved shed, need site visit
- 8/8,9 - emails with Denise Child/DEP regarding unpermitted work at Whitney Rd, DEP will be holding a site visit after Denise returns from vacation
- 8/8 - email with Angel Lehtonen about 9 Taylor Rd OOC Environmental Monitor
- 8/9 - emails with Mary McMurray about filing fees and NOI description requirements
- 8/11 - mail from MACC acknowledging dues payment and issuing membership cards
- 8/11 – in the mail copy of Cutting Plan for Parlee Farm Trust (Stock Farm)
- 8/14 – received soft & hard copy of updated plan and construction sequence for 284 Deer Bay project
- 8/15 - email from Stan Dillis requesting Sept. 19 hearing date for Terkanian on Erickson Rd.

Old Business:

Brief discussion of the South Rd Fields, the need to hay later in the season to accommodate the bobolinks nesting there, could find help at The Bobolink Project (<https://www.bobolinkproject.com>). We need a meeting with the Land Trust to figure out what we want to do with the field concerning nesting grassland birds that need the hay cut later. No mowing before August 15. Mow from center outward. The Bobolink Project offers limited grants to farmers who agree to cut later. Some resources:

- Mass Audubon:
https://www.massaudubon.org/content/download/19413/274073/file/Best-Management-Practices_Grasslands.pdf.
- NHESP: <https://www.mass.gov/files/2017-08/grassland-bird-plan-final.pdf>

New Business:

Mike Dumont appeared, 274 Turnpike Rd, building permit for shed out back by his house. Bob signed. He will be reaching out in the fall for replication plantings sign off.

McMurrays appeared, reviewed and submitted NOI for addition at 1392 Main St., assigned hearing 9/5 at 8pm.

Bruce Adams appeared, Mason Rd, septic plan and building permit application for the Ch61 removal property we already held site visit at, Bob signed

Issued 93-376 Order of Conditions for Mattis at 284 Deer Bay Rd.

Received Request for Certificate of Compliance, 420 Main St, septic replacement, site visit needed.

Hearings Scheduled:

- 9/5 at 8:00pm, McMurrays, 1392 Main St., addition
- 9/19 at 8:00pm, Dillis & Ducharme, Terkanian on Erickson, Driveway extension

Site Visits:

- 8/2 - 9:30 am, Harris Rd, Cathy, Roberta and Bob with others LAND Grant site walk
- 8/8 - 8:30 am, Harris Rd, Cathy & Roberta met with MassWildlife about siltation issue, will see if Trout Unlimited can get together a crew to remove silt buildup by hand.

Site Visits needed:

- End of Harris Rd - Wayne Hardy, pond causing Harris Rd siltation issues.
- Brownell, Flint Rd - building moved out of 100' buffer
- 420 Main St – Certificate of Compliance

Meeting adjourned 8:46pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Kristofferson