

Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of Oct 31, 2018

Meeting was opened at 4:30pm with Cathy Kristofferson, Tim Bauman, Bob Leary and Roberta Flashman in attendance.

Old Business:

Deliberate DEP #93-383, 151 Erickson Rd/ Robert Harding New Single Family Home w/septic.

Problems with the project:

Data sheets submitted on close of hearing, thus no peer review possible

Changed plan sent on Oct 26, 2018, after the hearing was closed, with changes to the plan stipulated by the Ashby Board of Health and removal of a breezeway stipulated by the owner.

Applicant told the Commission that he had provided all the information on the project that was pertinent and so the hearing should be closed.

During a site visit to the property on Oct 26th by Cathy and Roberta, they found the owner, Mr. Harding on site. He stated that he would like the project to be done in stages. He also asked about the possibility of creating a pond on the property. And he wanted to remove piles of stones from behind the existing structure as well as from beside the stream. He alluded to a plan that he had drawn that showed the wall to be a stone wall rather than the cement block wall that was presented during the hearing. He wanted us to see his plan. He also suggested that he might be content with just rebuilding/rehabilitating the existing house on the property, perhaps being able to expand the footprint slightly.

The Commission has none of these plans from the owner and the plans submitted by Chris MacKenzie were not reviewed in the meeting, and so, according to Denise Child from DEP, these are not to be included in consideration of the project. Asking the owner to consider reopening the hearing was met with a negative response, after the owner conferred with Ducharme and Dillis.

Motion made to approve the project with OOC written to allow the project to proceed in stages. 2nd.
Vote was 3 to 1 in favor of the motion.

Negative determination issued for community solar installation at 350 South Rd.

New Business

The Commission discussed the possibility of a policy change: no hearing to be closed unless all outstanding documents, plans or data sheets have been submitted in sufficient time to allow review in the hearing. Motion made to change the policy and 2nd. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. We will try to find a way to post this new policy so that all applicants will be aware of the requirements.

Discuss NRWA NAACC culverts site visit with the Commission. Invite NRWA representative, Martha Morgan, to attend our Nov 7th meeting to discuss the plan in more detail.

Cathy and Roberta will look at the property at the corner of Richardson and South Rd in an effort to mark wetlands.

Review of Goddard Consulting request for a Certificate of Compliance on the Lodestar project. The report on the plantings was quite a bit less comprehensive than anticipated. The Commission needs to conduct a site visit to ensure that all the plantings have been done according to plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Flashman