

Ashby Conservation Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting of March 21, 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 March 8, 2018 were reviewed and accepted with one name spelling correction.

**Treasurer's Report:** Invoice for MACC Annual \$125 and \$15 for Electronic MACC Wetlands Guide. NOI for project on Deer Bay Rd – received check for \$262.50.

**Correspondence:**

03/08/2018	Letter of introduction from the new Ashby Director of the Council on Aging, Corey Harju.
03/08/2018	Mail from Northland Engineers with revised plan for house location at 346 Pillsbury Rd. Filed the plan. The house is still completely outside the buffer zone and so we have no NOI project on this. Concern for the driveway, which IS inside the 100 ft buffer and actually very close to stream.
03/12/2018	emails with Rick Metcalf about plan signature for Michael Smith for Bennett Rd. The plan was finally duplicated.
03/15/2018	email from Neil Gorman re: wetland markers and building permit signature 93-362 – Forest Tim signed the plan and gave him wetland bound markers.
3/20/2018	Email from Ross Assoc., a Notice of Intent and Sewage Disposal System Design (Plan No L-13497) for 284 Deer Bay Road owned by Ben and Wendy Mattis. See below in new business.
3/20/2018	Letter copied from Rick Metcalf, Nashoba Board of Health, regarding violation of Ashby Horse Regulations at 110 Whitney Road. Metcalf believes that this is a violation. Lot 25 is the lot with major wetlands behind the house. In the past it was difficult to locate a septic system because of all the wetlands. Cathy will contact Metcalf and ask that we be kept in the loop.

**Old Business:**

Review results of the public meeting for Open Space and Recreation Plan 3-10-18. A lively meeting and it stimulated a number of people to complete the open space survey which can be found through a link on Ashbysma.gov.

South Rd. peer review - waiting for snow cover to melt.

Discussion of state of Terkanian project. Stan Dillis want to submit the NOI and have a hearing on May 2, 2018 @ 8:00pm. Tim will follow up and ensure that we get the NOI no sooner than 21 days of May 2<sup>nd</sup> while giving us adequate time to review the plans before the hearing.

Goddard Projects – Roberta will call an abutter to find out if they ever received a notice of a hearing.

**New Business:**

Mike McCallum to appear to discuss potential land acquisition with State funding. The application for the State LANDS grant has to come from the Conservation Commission. Mike had received a phone call from the new owner of the land, whose father died and left the land to him and siblings. Mike checked with Anne Gagnon, purchasing agent for DFW and walked the land with her. She seemed to feel that it had great conservation values in addition to abutting existing DFW lands. The current owner would like the land to stay in an unbuilt state and would be willing to much less than the assessed value of the land, if the Town were able to purchase it. To be able to qualify for State money, the Town has to have a valid Open Space Plan. Roberta made a motion: that the Commissioners visit the property within the next 30 days and if the

property meets conservation criteria, that the Commission move forward with an application for the LAND grant for purchase of the property. Kristofferson 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Notice of Intent and Sewage Disposal System Design (Plan No L-13497) for 284 Deer Bay Road owned by Ben and Wendy Mattis. The lot is .15 acre in size, and as such, is a non-conforming lot. The proposed septic system is located 25 ft from edge of pond and proposes to move the house from original footprint. The Commission wonders whether this move must be approved by ZBA before the project can move forward. Cathy will contact the ZBA, or Rick Metcalf or Building Inspector or the engineer on the project to confirm.

**Hearings:**

None scheduled

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May 2nd at 8:00 pm, NOI for Terkanian on Erickson Road. Represented by Stan Dillis. Prior project DEP #93-307.

**Site Visits:**

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Trees planted at Mulford's , 71 Russell Hill Road  
Scheid Certificate of Compliance septic replacement  
Request for COC for 67 Luke Road  
284 Deer Bay Rd – moving house and septic system too close to pond.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman