

Ashby Conservation Commission
Minutes for the Meeting of Feb 20, 2019

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

The Minutes of the meeting of Feb 6, 2019 were reviewed and accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: \$60.90 for mailing of signed copies of land grant and attending the workshop for the land grant. The invoice is being held for MACC Annual Conference while members decide upon workshops.

Correspondence:

- 2/6 - emails from 3 Oaks regarding icing road conditions making it impossible to attend hearings. Hearings continued to tonight.
- 2/7- email from the Town Clerk inquiring about electronic version of building permit copies.
- 2/9 – Request from Dan Proctor for a pre-construction site visit on Terkanian property on Erickson Rd.
- 2/12 - email forwarded from EOEEA that the OSRP has been accepted.
- 2/20 - email from Town Clerk re: PRR for Whitney Rd – posted agenda and meeting minutes for Oct 3, 2018. Town Clerk filled the request.

Old Business:

Issue Amended Order of Conditions 93-381, Lot 4, South Rd, Ken Chapman. Signed by all members except Bob – who has recused himself for conflict of interest.

New Business:

Rich Monagle – bought property at 369 Davis Rd. There is an outstanding Order of Conditions on the property. Looking for a Cert of Compliance (owner and Rich's emails not printed here) Form 8A. Zenon Lis is owner. Once the Req for COC is received, the Commission will schedule a site visit for the property. Plan on a review of what needs to be done to complete the Order of Conditions. Owner would also like to review what needs to be done to add a deck to the home.

John Kubat, Wares Rd, lots 73.5, 73.25, 73.6 – was told to check with Cons Comm for wetlands. This property was a tax taking property many years ago. It had potential hazardous waste and also has a wetland running through the center. The 3 properties were to become one so that an entrance to a potential home at the back of the property could be accessed through a 50 ft strip, rather than from the front of the 2 lots with wetlands in the center.

Janet Morrison, wetlands consultant, and Vanessa Geisman, The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR), appeared to talk about a project on Crocker Farm to conserve the property. Current restrictions on portions of Crocker properties are held by the Fitchburg Water Dept. There are still 300 acres left to conserve owned by Gus Crocker. The property spans Ashburnham, Ashby and Fitchburg, on the south west corner of Ashby. TTOR doesn't have all the funding required to complete the project. They are investigating whether they can reduce the cost of the land by securing CR's on the property through the 3 towns applying for monies from the LAND grant. TTOR has a commitment from a donor to fund their purchase, once the value of the property has been reduced through the CR's. 76 acres are located in Ashby. TTOR is not clear on whether the 3 towns would be better served in applying for the grant as a joint project or as 3 separate

grants. Leaving this as 3 separate grants opens the possibility that not all 3 towns would receive the grant. TTOR intends to cover the 38% of the CR cost not reimbursed by the LAND grant. This would have to be a written agreement as part of the grant process.

Motion made and 2nd to sign a grant application for the LAND grant for the property in Ashby to secure a CR on the property when it is completed and presented for signature. There was a unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

Cathy responded to the Town Clerk about receiving electronic versions of the building permits. She will receive them, deleting the ones obviously not requiring our input (woodstoves and replacement windows)

Hearings:

Feb 20, 8:00pm NOI 93-389, septic replacement, 518 Turnpike Rd., 3 Oaks/Soilsmith closed hearing at 8:17pm

Feb 20, 8:30pm NOI 93-390, septic replacement, 1033 Turnpike Rd., 3 Oaks/Soilsmith Closed hearing at 8:47

Site Visits:

2/11, 12:30p - Erickson Rd, Dan Proctor, Pre-construction site visit for Terkanian DEP #93-386, Tim, Roberta and Cathy. New straw wattles are now in place along the new path of the driveway. Dan Proctor will be the environmental monitor for the project. All trees and brush between the straw wattles will be removed and ground will be leveled for the driveway. No hay mulch is to be used because of the proximity of wetlands to the construction. Dan will leave the old straw wattles in place at the bottom of the slope of the newer section to prevent siltation towards the stream and wetland. He will also riprap the edges of the driveway w/check dams every 25 ft. He will also tilt the driveway away from the wetland with a detention basin near the stream crossing to stop and settle any water running down the driveway. He agreed to use the 2 pines and birch tree, about 20-25 ft from the edge of the stream, as the visible limit of work. He plans to start work around Feb 20th.

Site Visits needed:

- End of Harris Rd, Wayne Hardy, dam condition
- Deer Bay Rd, Bruce Adams, NSFH

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman