

Ashby Conservation Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting of October 2, 2019

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

The Minutes of the meeting of September 18, 2019 were reviewed and accepted with a change to reflect that these are minutes and not the agenda and that Cathy was in attendance.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nothing to report

**Correspondence:**

- 9/18 - Notice of MACC Fall Conference, October 19, 2019
- 9/18 - Notice of registry of COC for Fors, 113 County Road (Map 10, Par 88).
- 9/19 - email from Matt Amadon, Willard Brook State Park, inquiring of procedures for draw down for winter and regular dam maintenance
- 9/19 - email from realtor requesting information about the tax-taking lots on Wares Rd.
- 9/20 - email from Theodora Cohen responding to a request for a site visit for 1051 West Rd.
- 9/23 - email from Dave Perry Construction requesting site visit to 142 Deer Bay Rd.
- 9/26 - email from the Town Treasurer with updated maps for tax-taking land auction
- 9/26 - message from Trevor Fletcher of GRAZ engineering requesting plan sign off for septic repair at 526 Main Street
- 9/30 - email from the Ashby Land Trust informing of proposed Town Center Trail marking intentions
- 10/1 - MACC Membership Cards
- 10/1 – notice of NRWA 50th Anniversary Celebration

**Old Business:**

Crocker LAND project status – Ashby did not receive the LAND grant. Fitchburg and Ashburnham did. TTOR is discussing internally what to do to make the project happen despite the set-back.

Update on 1051 West Rd by Alex & Theodora Cohen, work with jurisdictional wetlands, EO & RDA. As a result of the site visit on 9/26/19, it is clear that the RDA will be positive. An NOI will be required because of the extensive clearing within the 200 ft Riverfront area as well as clearing within the 100 ft wetlands buffer. The Enforcement Order remains in place. The Commission is requiring that Theodora Cohen contract for the services of a Wetlands Scientist to mark the wetlands and River Bank and transfer those markings and related buffer zones to a plan. A plan for mitigation of damage to these areas will be required as well as a plan to move forward with any further use of the property for farming.

EO 80 South Rd, Kimberley Clinton, work in buffer zone, status and new report of activity. As of this evening, a check with the owner discloses that the property is not yet stabilized. She also stated that she will move forward with stabilization ASAP.

Pink Lynx at 147 Log Cabin Rd update. State conducted a site visit and found no glaring violations. Roberta will check back with them periodically.

**New Business:**

Steve Marcoulier, 490 Jewett Hill Rd, came before the Commission to continue working on NOI for driveway crossing. He will be submitting the NOI in time for a hearing at the next meeting, October 16<sup>th</sup>, but would like to put loam and conservation mix in place now while it is still growing season. Motion made

to allow Steve Marcoulier to stabilize the slopes in sequenced order with the Commission reviewing each step with the objective of completing this before the NOI hearing on October 16, 2019. Roberta made the motion, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous vote in favor of the motion. Tentative Hearing date set for October 16, 2019 @ 8:00pm

**Hearings/Appointments Scheduled:** Marcoulier, 490 Jewett Hill Rd, Driveway Crossing.

**Site Visit Log:**

- 9/24 8:30 Brett Pomerleau, 864 Turnpike Rd., Tim & Cathy, pre-fab garage with cement slab flooring. Garage is outside the 100' buffer. Trees within the buffer will need to go but will stay below the 50% basal area limit. Only white pine will be removed. The location of the garage will be adjusted to preserve a large oak.
- 9/26 8:30 Bruce Adams, 290 Deer Bay Rd, Roberta & Cathy, pre-con
- 9/26 8:45 Dave Perry, 142 Deer Bay, Roberta & Cathy, pre-con, improperly installed erosion controls, must be redone with non-plastic control
- 9/26 4:30 Theodora Cohen, 1051 West Rd , Roberta & Cathy, EO site visit, a lot of impact in the 200' Riverfront area. NOI required by Thanksgiving.
- 9/29 5:30 Dave Perry, 142 Deer Bay, Cathy, re-inspection of compliant erosion controls, gave the go ahead for the project to start in the morning.
- 10/2/19 Building permit for barn at 1023 Piper Road. No wetlands within 100 ft. Tim signed the building permit application.
- 10/2/19 Septic Replacement Plan for 526 Main Street. No wetlands within 100 ft. Suggested that they either put a siltation barrier at the toe of the slope for the septic system or forego removing the wall and vegetation. Tim signed the plan with that statement.

**Site Visits Scheduled:** none

**Site Visits Needed:** none

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman