

Ashby Conservation Commission

Minutes for the Meeting of December 4, 2019

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

The Minutes of the meeting of November 20, 2019 were reviewed and accepted unanimously with a change to indicate that they were minutes and not the agenda and a spelling correction.

Treasurer's Report: \$8:38 - Postage for sending Determination to BLR and State. Cathy will refresh petty cash.

Correspondence:

- 11/21 - emails with Rick Metcalf regarding status of 584 South Road Emergency Cert work. – Discussion about why the work has not begun.
- 11/21 - email regarding report of work in the buffer zone at 80 South Road. – Roberta viewed from neighbor's driveway and it looked like they were stabilizing the work that had been left unstable.
- 11/25 - request for meeting from NMRSD students – students would like to learn more about sustainable water supplies in Ashby. Could meet ½ an hour before next meeting.
- 11/25 - notification from MassDEP of regulation amendments to 310 CMR 10.00, hearings in Jan.
- 11/26 - emails with National Weather Service
- 11/26 - email and phone calls to and from Theodora Cohen and Tom Peragallo
- 11/27 - email inquiry about Lower Wrights Pond and whether it was a reservoir. It is not.
- 11/27 - email request to continue 584 Main St hearing to the 18th
- 12/3 - Inquiry from Mass Audubon: which pieces of Town owned open space allow hunting? Cathy wants to know what their end product, as a result of this inquiry, would be.

Motion made and seconded to inform Mass Audubon that neither the Commission nor individual commissioners would make any further donations to Mass Audubon should they decide to publish a map of open space in the Commonwealth where hunting is permitted. 3 in favor, 1 opposed.

- 12/3 – color photos received from Charles Caron for 499 Jewett Hill Rd project. Roberta had requested that he send them, since the NOI had shown B&W photos.
- 12/3 - notification from MassGIS of availability of updated Ashby assessor parcel layer for FY20

Old Business:

EO 80 South Rd, Kimberley Clinton The Enforcement Order issued by the Building Inspector has been upheld by the ZBA and is potentially a court case. The Commission is waiting for this to resolve.

1051 West Rd, Theodora Cohen – has been instructed to install siltation barriers and submit NOI by new date. Motion was made and seconded to move the date for submission of NOI and plan for mitigation to the February 19th.

7 Piper Road, work in the buffer zone - Gene Chaison. Has installed siltation barrier and will submit an RDA for Dec 4th meeting. Roberta sent him the advertising information. -no RDA submission as yet.

Cathy and Roberta met with Martha Morgan and Sarah Whiting, from Inter-fluve, and Steve Beauregard, from the highway department to discuss the MET grant work. Ashby would like to direct the research of

culvert issues on Harris Rd to something that might be reproducible throughout town. There was discussion of the difference in types of sands and ways of firming up the roads. The current practices for maintenance were reviewed. The type of sand currently being used is not great in that it consists of a high percentage of fines. Piper Rd is the worst. Harris Rd is of concern because of the brook trout. It is expected that there will be a report presented with some ideas about how to better manage the intersection of unpaved roads and streams.

New Business:

1st Wed in January is January 1st. Motion to move January 1st meeting to Jan 9th starting at 7:30pm. Unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

Hearings/Appointments Scheduled:

12/4 - 8:30pm - 93-397 NOI, 499 Jewett Hill Rd, Hannigan Eng, SFH addition, continued to 12/18@9:00pm.

12/18 - RDA, 238 Piper Rd, Minuteman Farm, Richard Barry

12/18 - 8:00pm - NOI, 73 Erickson Rd, NSFH

12/18 - 8:30pm - 93-396 NOI, 584 Main St, BLR Properties, emergency septic repair, continuation

Site Visit Log:

11/27 - 9am, 499 Jewett Hill Rd, SFH addition. Cathy, Bob & Roberta met on site with Chris Anderson and Jen and Mike Peck, owners. Wetland flags had been removed on the house side of the wetland. The wetlands had been mowed in October. The proposal for a new addition includes demolishing the existing wooden structure attached to the brick portion of the house. Propose moving the septic tank as well, since it will be closer to the new structure than allowed by Title V. Need to know how the water from the roof of the new addition will be handled. Members of the Commission suggested that they consider building their addition on the side of the home rather than behind the home, so that the new structure will not be as close to the wetland bounds.

11/27 - 9:30am, Allen Rd, Jamie VanDyke, COC reinspection. Roberta and Bob inspected the property and found that there was still siltation fencing in place in the woods, near the privy and beyond the well. The wetlands behind the house were not marked.

Nov 30 – Roberta re-visited Van Dyke on Allen Rd. Siltation barrier near the privy still on the ground. Only 1 wetland marker in place behind the house.

Dec 1 – Tim visited Van Dyke on Allen Rd. – Tim called and left a message about what needed to be completed. New owner now on site.

Adjourn: 9:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Flashman