

## Ashby Conservation Commission

### Minutes for the Meeting of June 19, 2019

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

The Minutes of the meeting of June 5, 2019 were approved with one correction to change Agenda to Minutes.

Treasurer's Report: \$67.50 was received for the Buczynski NOI. \$22.00 was spent to reimburse Cathy for signs for fields. Roberta received reimbursement for ink cartridges - \$72.99 - and the -Caton Hill North Conservation Sign - \$109.90.

#### **Correspondence:**

- 6/6 - emails with Chris MacKenzie Ducharme & Dillis re 197 Harris Rd NOI submission & hearing date
- 6/6 - emails with Chris MacKenzie Ducharme & Dillis to set a site visit for 509 New Ipswich with Tim and Bob.
- 6/7 - email from Mark Arnold/Goddard to postpone a meeting with the Commission and Lodestar until July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
- 6/9 - email from Janet Morrison seeking answers to grant application questions
- 6/11- received NOI and Plans for 197 Harris Road.
- 6/12 - received updated plan from GRAZ Engineering for 93-392
- 6/13 - emails to reserve Land Use Room for 7/2
- 6/13 - hardcopy NOI from Ducharme & Dillis for 197 Harris Rd
- 6/12,13 - emails with Lodestar to confirm date of 7/2 for Request for Certificate Of Compliance review
- 6/18 - LAND Grant docs for Crocker Rd project received by email from Janet Morrison
- 6/19 - new plans for 4 Greenville Rd, Superseding Order of Conditions from Chris Guida of Fieldstone, now show all driveways entering the property from Damon Rd.

#### **Old Business:**

- Harris Road LAND Grant project status . Ordered sign and pick up on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Closing will be complete on 21<sup>st</sup> and registered by Monday. Roberta will meet Mike on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and review what we need for the grant. Next week Steve Bouregard will create a parking lot. Dan Ewald will be able to assist me with completing the baseline. Mike will drive the package to the office of the State Dept of Conservation and Recreation. Motion made to pay up to \$80 for Dan Ewald to assist with completion of baseline. . The voted on the motion was unanimously in favor. Motion was made to pay for printing of the baseline – for 3 bound baselines and one into a loose-leaf notebook for the use in the field. The voted on the motion was unanimously in favor. The Management committee will meet on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> to approve the management plan.
- Reminder: First meeting in July rescheduled to the 2<sup>nd</sup> to avoid Ashby's 3<sup>rd</sup>/Fourth of July celebration.
- Issued the Order of Conditions for #93-392 OOC for 0 Allen Rd following the close of the hearing.
- The Commission signed the LAND grant application for Crocker Farm project being managed by Janet Morrison. There is a CR to review. There are maps to review. There is no plan yet for the activities that will be conducted on the property and how they will be conducted. The CR will be held by the Fitchburg Water Department and the Conservation Commission.

**New Business:**

Charles Crook, Camp Middlesex 4H appeared before the Commission. He is the woodworking counselor. The camp wants to use a backhoe to dig the 4 holes for the posts for an archery range because the difficulty that the rocky soil poses to hand dug holes. There will be no cutting of trees. A Motion was made to sign the building permit. 3 votes were in favor of the motion and one member abstained. The building permit was signed.

There was a building permit for construction of a pool left in the Commission box for 505 South Rd, a property owned by John and Norma McAndrews. A motion was made and 2nd to sign the building permit for the pool. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Hearings:**

6/19 - 8:00pm, 197 Harris Road, Ducharme & Dillis, Septic replacement. The hearing was continued at 8:24pm to July 2, 2019 as no DEP project number had yet been issued for the project.

6/19 - 8:30pm, 0 Allen Rd, Graz Engineering, NSFH, DEP #93-392. This was a continuation of the prior hearing. The hearing was closed at 8:45pm.

**Hearings/Discussions Scheduled:**

7/2 - 8:00pm, Lodestar, RCOC, replication status discussion

7/2 – 7:45pm , 197 Harris Rd, Buczynski – hearing continuation.

**Site Visits:**

6/11 - 9:00am - 90 Deer Bay Rd, Tim and Bob met with John Hourihan to review what had been done on the property leading down to the reservoir. Left him with suggestions for how to complete the project and instructions to call when these had been done. Mr. Hourihan called Roberta later in the day to report that he had completed what he had been asked to do.

6/11 - 9:30am - 509 New Ipswich septic replacement Tim and Bob met with Chris MacKenzie on site and signed the septic design plans as there was no wetlands within 100 ft. of the proposed system.

6/18/2019 – 175 Harris Rd. Tim, Roberta and Bob met with Steve Buczynski and Chris MacKenzie on site to view the location of a proposed presby septic system to replace a failed system. Roberta and Bob located the bed and bvw of an intermittent stream on the abutting property, owned by Fish & Wildlife. The fill from the septic system is just within the 100ft buffer zone to that wetland. They will construct a grassed swale at the base of the slope of the proposed system to channel any runoff from the system away from the wetland. For their siltation wattles, they should use mulch instead of straw and place stakes holding the wattle so that they do not pierce the covering of the wattles.

**Site Visits needed:**

End of Harris Rd, Wayne Hardy, dam condition

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman