

Minutes for the Meeting of January 15, 2014

Meeting opened at 7:30pm with Tim Bauman, Cathy Kristofferson and Roberta Flashman in attendance.

The minutes of the meeting of December 18, 2013 were approved after amending to remove the reference to Dan Ewald being an Eagle Scout. His project is a school project not related to scouts.

Treasurer's Report: nothing to report

Correspondence:

Al Futterman set an email about a "People to Peak" corridor from downtown Fitchburg to Mt. Watatic. Tim has requested that Ashby be included in the email list. None of the Commissioners will be attending the meetings.

Holiday greetings from LEC

Camp Middlesex contacted the Commission through Heidi Messing. The flashboards need to be replaced this year. She asked that the Commission advise her of what needs to be filed. She wondered if there were an Notice of Intent(NOI) that she could reference or use. Cathy will reply that there needs to be a new NOI submitted to obtain an Order of Conditions(OOC).

MACC Annual Meeting and Conference will be held on March 1st. \$115/attendee from the Commission.

Old Business:

Douglas Smith, SoilSmith Designs had submitted plans for New Ipswich Road, Map 9, Lot 20. He is in the process of refining construction site plans. The Commission will await new plans before scheduling a site visit.

Conservation Restriction (CR) monitoring status

Monday, 1/13/14 Cathy monitored the Moulton property.

Wednesday, 1/15/14 Cathy monitored the Mikola property. Asplund took down several trees that had boundary markers on them,. Cathy needs to purchase some aluminum nails for the boundary markers. Commission approved the purchase.

Status of signage on ConCom Properties – still waiting for weather and soft ground.

New Business:

Derrick Saari had a presentation on a project he has been working on for Westboro, where he works as a Conservation Commission agent. He had been checking the status of OOC's that have been issued over the past years. He conducted the same review for Ashby's OOC's and presented the results to the Commission tonight. He gave the Commission a spreadsheet and scans of all the OOC's first pages. He also compiled a list of all the deeds for properties that the Land Trust holds and other relevant open space documents. In addition, he also found some of the Determinations of Applicability that were recorded. This makes the search for first page of Order of Conditions a bit easier. Although it's on the computer, it's still a scanned image, so it cannot be search by words or phrases or names. But, it is still quite useful. The Commission thanked Derrick for the massive amount of work that he did to compile the lists and document scans.

Derrick Saari submitted requests for Certificates of Compliance for Paul Gerry on Hosmer Rd and Jennifer Brodeur on Mason Rd. The commission will conduct site visits and issue the Cert. of Compliance if all work has satisfactorily been completed.

Email from the Board of Assessors regarding the proposed Warrant Article for MassGIS map conversion and updating. The assessors would like support or justification for \$6900. Mass GIS is

providing funding for some communities for an upgrade. The Assessors would have to reply with email by Feb 7th to see if Ashby would qualify. Motion made and 2nd'd that the Commission support the upgrade of the parcel maps for the Town for MassGIS. Motion carried unanimously. Commission supports the upgrade but would prefer that the Assessors attempt to secure State funding for at least part, if not all, of the expense.

Note: Roberta will be unable to attend the 2 meetings in February and the first meeting in March. She might be able to join the meeting via Skype.

Hearings: None

Hearings Scheduled: None

Site Visits:

Site Visits Needed:

New Ipswich Road. Note: plans, Map 9, Lot 20. Soilsmith Design

Paul Gerry on Hosmer Rd

Jennifer Brodeur on Mason Rd

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Flashman