

Ashby Conservation Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting of April 20, 2016

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

The minutes of the meeting of April 6, 2016 were reviewed and accepted unanimously as written.

The minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2016 were reviewed and accepted unanimously with a change from agenda to minutes in the title of the document.

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

**Correspondence:**

Email from DEP outlining the status of the Sikkila project and indicating progress towards a resolution. The Commission's Enforcement Order is still in effect until DEP issues an enforcement order.

Letter from Joan Crandall, Pres., Sunny Meadow Homes Inc. seeking clarification on the status of the Extended Order of Conditions for DEP 93-258 Lot 1C Erickson Road. Tim will check to see if this extension qualifies as one of those that would have its time frame doubled.

FEMA is holding a *Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning Discovery Meeting* for Commissions within the Nashua River Watershed. The Meetings are on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at the Leominster Library at 9:30 AM and 1:00 PM. Materials will be provided to Commissions.

The Commission received a letter citing the horrendous condition of the Ashby Recycling Site. Not sure what this has to do with the Commission. Probably the same letter was sent to all departments.

**Old Business:**

Update of information and discussion of the proposed gas pipeline. Senator Elizabeth Warren wrote a letter in opposition to the tree cutting along the Connecticut Expansion proposed by Kinder Morgan. Also the front page story from the Lowell Sun (4-12-16) titled: **Pre-emptive strike on pipeline plan, Lawmakers to make case that ratepayers shouldn't foot bill.** NED is DEAD! But, The Connecticut expansion is still on going.

The Commission received a response to the letter sent to Ms. McAuley on 664 Richardson Road about the proximity of her paddock and manure piles to wetlands. Work has been done to alter positions and she invites the Commission to conduct a site visit to see changes. Need a site visit.

In response to the Commission's letter to 1342 Richardson Rd, it has been cleaned up and there is no more run-off. Need a site visit.

Report on the meeting with the Planning Board on Wed, April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:45 to discuss the zoning and the open space plan grant. The Planning Board is in favor of more work to update the Open Space Plan, especially if there is grant money to pay for the work. They are in favor of changes to zoning that would make Resource Protection Zoning the default for subdivision zoning. This will need more work, but we can start on the application for the grant.

**New Business:**

Rene' Rainville gave the Commission a copy of the recording of the COC for 873 Main St.

Rene' Rainville asked for a signature on the permit for the New Ipswich Rd property. Tim signed both the foundation permit and the building permit.

The Ashby 250th Planning meeting on Saturday, 4-9-16 at 10AM considered input and ideas for the community celebration. There is a possibility that some of the resources could be used to acquire conservation land and/or create a public use space which could be a sustainable tribute to this anniversary. More to come.

**Hearings:** (None)

**Hearings Scheduled:** (None)

**Site Visits:**

4-13-16, Melissa O'Connell, Foster Rd. Roberta and Tim met with Neal Gorman, Ross Associates, on site to review the placement of a septic system for new construction. The driveway, site of the proposed septic system and location for the house are all outside of the 100' wetland buffer. The driveway is within the BOH 200' buffer. Tim signed the plans.

4-13-16, 80 Flint Road. Tim and Roberta met with the owner, John Brownell, to check on placement of wattles before the start of any work. The wattles need serious rearrangement and this project needs a preconstruction site visit. Tim will arrange another visit.

4-19-2016, 80 Flint Road. Tim, Cathy, Roberta met with John and Margaret Brownell, and Tim Beauchamin at the Flint Road site. Walked through the placement of all wattles and construction limits. John will be the heavy equipment operator. Still need to place permanent wetland-bound signs on the property. Emphasized the no disturbance zone next to the pond and dam that was in exchange for the elimination of any replication areas. Changes will be made and Tim will check again on 4/20.

4/20/16 80 Flint Rd. Tim checked the property and noted that all changes to the placement to wattles were done as discussed and the wetland bounds now had permanent markers in place. Need a 2<sup>nd</sup> nail on the markers.

4-20-16, Camp Middlesex. Roberta and Cathy met with Heidi Messing for a pre-construction meeting. She will be conducting everyday monitoring of the construction site. Construction is slated to start on April 25 and end by June 3, 2016. The actually work should take 3 weeks, but have to leave time for reschedules due to weather. Sequencing of the project:

1. Place filter mitts across the sweep deck
2. Deck removed.
3. Steel beams removed
4. Build a shelf for the filter mitts
5. Using staging or a boom lift, dig out the abutment to the dam – wet vac for concrete saw
6. Cut off the top of the concrete abutment
7. Place forms
8. Pour concrete – use pump cement to other side of brook
9. Backfill the abutments
10. Wait for the cure of the concrete before replacing steel beams
11. Place corrugated steel plan on top of steel beams
12. Pour concrete into pan – allow to cure
13. Pour side walls

**All cement trucks will move to the far side of the barn for washout**

**Site Visits Needed:**

McAuley on 664 Richardson Road to check on horse manure and paddock.

1342 Richardson Rd to check on driveway siltation.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Flashman