

Ashfield Conservation Commission
January 13, 2016

Members Present:

Lester Garvin, Chair (LG)
Brian Clark (BC)
Janet Clark (JC)
Anne Madocks (AM)
Phil Lussier (PL)

1. LG called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.
2. Reviewed minutes of 12/23/15, JC moved to approved; unanimous.
3. LG attended Selectboard meeting and Board recommended the Conservation Commission hold the Conservation Restriction on the Crowningsheild Farm property, as recommended by Emily Boss from FRCOG. She said Franklin Land Trust would perform the CR stewardship. AM suggested a written agreement with FLT regarding the responsibilities of the Town versus FLT.
4. Annual Report – Town owns 12-15 acres of land across the street from TTOR’s Bear Swamp. Brewer-Tetreault Memorial Forest. Conservation Commission is the steward of the property. What are our goals for the property – forestry, vernal pools?
5. Budget – The total 2016 budget is \$1380 which includes fees for a scribe, MACC dues, legal ads, postage, and workshops. AM was the scribe prior to becoming a member of the Commission and does not want to receive compensation for keeping the minutes as a member and will donate the fees reserved for scribe services to the general budget.
6. Intervenor Status with Pipeline – Special meeting with Katie Eisman’s group recommended that Conservation Commission not be an intervenor, but members of the Commission as private citizens can be.
7. Online Building Permits – Jeremy Young Building Permit sign off. Second permit applied for – foundation and building. Jim Cerone said we didn’t need to sign off on the second permit as it was redundant.
8. MACC Conference in March 5, 2016 at Holy Cross College in Worcester. There will be a pipeline workshop as well as a number of other great workshops. PL noted they usually have a workshop on CRs and stewardship.
9. Motion to adjourn JC 8:10, PL seconded; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Madocks