Approved 2/22/17

Ashfield Conservation Commission
February 8, 2017

Members Present:
Lester Garvin, Chair (LG) Brian Clark (BC) Janet Clark (JC) Phil Lussier (PL) Anne Capra (AC)
Others Present:
Richard Pree, Citizens Climate Lobby, Ashfield Resident Allen Gabriel, Citizens Climate Lobby, Ashfield Resident George Butler, Citizen Climate Lobby, Conway Resident Hillary Ince

1. LG called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.
2. Reviewed the minutes of 1/25/17. PL moved to accept the minutes, JC seconded; unanimous.
3. LG DOA for Belding Memorial Park. Members signed the DOA – Negative Determination, #3, no impact on resource area. Hay bales will be used for erosion control.
4. Richard Pre and Allen Gabriel, Citizen Climate Lobby – Resolution for Federal and State Carbon Fee and Dividend. Richard presented a summary presentation of how the fee would work, and answered questions. They will be presenting to the Selectboard on 2/21/17 to seek Town endorsement.
5. Hillary Ince, 280 Buckland Road - Ms. Ince came before the Commission to determine if she would need to file a permit to repair a stone wall and steps made from railroad ties that are in disrepair. AC According to MassGIS OLIVER, the front of the house is 216.8 feet from the edge of the pond. LG stated that work appeared to be outside of a resource area and thus, the Conservation Commission does not have permitting jurisdiction.
6. BC No online building permits.
7. MACC letter to Governor Baker requesting that the State thoroughly review and require permitting for any future proposed pipelines – On behalf of the Commission, Anne drafted an email endorsing MACC's letter supporting thorough review of any future pipeline.
8. The Town Clerk contacted LG about updating current minutes to the website. A discussion followed about whether or not a quorum was on 9/14/16. It was the recollection of members that no quorum that date, and no meeting held.
9. PL moved to adjourn, JC seconded; unanimous. 8:50pm