

Ashland Conservation Commission
Draft Minutes December 16th, 2015

Members present:

Renee Liebert
Harold Lamos
Kathleen DeWolfe
Walter Durack

Renee Liebert called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. The first few minutes of the meeting was a collaborative meeting with the Ashland Planning Board in regards to the "Northern Pass" project. Points of interest included the height of towers to be built and how such an eyesore would affect our tourism and outdoor activity enthusiasts. This coupled with the view of the towers from Whitten Woods are a great concern to both groups. Also discussed is any and all interaction with the well and the aquifer beneath it....especially as its our towns' only source of public drinking water. Concerns were also made about the septage facility and the proximity of towers to the fragile clay lagoons. The Planning board also expressed concern of future safety and liability issues given the indemnity granted to Eversource years ago. A letter shall be composed with all Boards and Commissions involved stating their concerns.

Harold Lamos made a motion to accept the minutes of 11/11/15, Kathleen DeWolfe seconded this motion vote of 3-0-1.

The Commissioners discussed a PBN that was disqualified at 3 Cooper's way in regards to the U- shaped dock (measurements did not equate correctly). The Commission also discussed the proposed dock at 73 River Street, some concerns were the shallow passing area as well as the fact that the river is quite narrow through this location.

Next on the agenda was the Beach sand replenishment and the letter from the Army Corp of engineering approving this task to be performed. This has been a tedious process that will come to fruition with sand added in the spring.

There was further discussion on the Eversource easement and concerns about the everyday impact on the citizens of Ashland. In closing the commission discussed actions and accomplishments we made in 2015.

Harold Lamos made a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm, this motion was seconded by Kathleen DeWolfe vote of 4-0.