

ERVING CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Monthly meeting Monday, February 5, 2018

7:30-8:30

Erving Town Hall, Erving MA.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: David Brule, Carol Gregory, Bruce Cyd Scott

Minutes of December 2017 Meeting:

1. Jonathan fellows came to meeting needs clearance for telephone poles on his property on North Street.
2. Commissioners discussed and site visit planned.

Minutes Approved by David, Cyd and Carol.

Mail:

1. BSG group, National Grid – Utility Maintenance Notice, Exempt
2. National Grid, YOP notification, exempt
3. Budget from 2017, budgeted \$2,500 only spent \$300.
4. MACC annual Conference March 3
5. Conflict of Interest Laws, need to sign that we received a copy.
6. Forest Cutting Plan for DCR – Route 2-225 Acres
7. Copies of Solar Plans for review for future NOI (two for Mountain Road).
8. BSC Group – Restructuring of Route 63. Need public meeting at next meeting.
Kate 617-896-4526.

Cyd reports on Fellows Property. Historically, Ward Smith did paperwork for Fellows. Order of Conditions filed six years ago, expired three years ago. He also did a culvert replacement further up the entrance road. January of 2018, Cyd and Ward visited separately.

Options:

1. Enforcement Letter - Ward would help Cyd draft letter. That culvert be rebuilt according to state standards for that location. When culvert is completed, Commission would consider NOI for electrical poles.
2. David moved above, Beth second, unanimously approved.

Kat Kowalski, Americorps from Mount Grace re: Farm & Conservation. Working with Jamie Pottern on a Farmland Inventory. Commissioners reviewed possible parcels on the map and identified those where agricultural activities occur. We advised MGLCT work with Jacquie Boyden to get clear information about the use of potential farmland parcels on Route 63 and proper ownership of identified farming parcels. Mount Grace will be holding a training re: succession planning for farmers which is currently targeted to occur in Montague. Since four towns are being surveyed; New Salem, Wendell, Erving, and Montague, we suggested they may want to have a meeting in Wendell since it is centrally located.