

Wakefield Conservation Commission
Approved Minutes

Location: Wakefield Town Hall 1st Floor Meeting Room
Date: 11-12-2012, 7:00 PM

In attendance:

Members: Dave Mankus, Nate Fogg, Relf Fogg, Tom Dube, Peter Kasprzyk

Public: Steve Brown

Mr. Mankus opened the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Old Business:

Natural Resources Inventory & Town Master Plan

Mr. Mankus presented the 4 responses to the RFP posted last month:

1. Econosystem Management Consultants, LLC - \$12,250
2. Watershed to Wildlife, Inc. - \$9,640
3. FB Environments Associates - \$11,404
4. Moosewood Ecological, LLC - \$13,000

Discussion of the 4 proposals followed. Mr. R. Fogg expressed his concern about the cost and necessity of doing the reports. Mr. Kasprzyk reviewed the Commission's history in preparing a Natural Resources Inventory, relating that previous attempts were contemplated as being so complete that they became too overwhelming. He also asked who on the Commission, considering that all the members have full time occupations, had the time to devote to the report, reminding everyone that lots of hours would be necessary to draft maps as well as create the narrative. Mr. Mankus advised members that the Planning Board fund for the Master Plan still had about \$18,000 available.

Mr. R. Fogg offered a motion to limit the Natural Resources Inventory expenditure by the Planning Board to no more than \$11,000. The motion died for lack of a 2nd.

Mr. Dube offered a motion to offer the work to FB Environments, but limit the contract to \$8,000 for the Master Plan and the Natural Resources Inventory. Mr. N. Fogg offered the 2nd. Discussion: After suggesting that amending the contract amounts should be a non-public conversation, Mr. Kasprzyk suggested that all 4 bidders should be asked what they would provide for \$8,000. Mr. Mankus suggested that Mr. Bell be invited to the Thursday Planning Board meeting, when a lower amount could be discussed. Mr. Dube said that changing the scope of the contract, once one was established, was commonplace. **Mr. Fogg withdrew his 2nd, and the motion died.**

Mr. N. Fogg then made a motion to recommend FB Environmental Associates to the Planning Board and let the Planning Board negotiate an hourly rate or contract fee directly. Mr. Dube offered the 2nd. Motion carried 3-1-1.

Review/acceptance of previous meeting minutes: 9-24-12, 10-22-12

1. Mr. R. Fogg made a motion to accept the 10-22-12 minutes as presented. Mr. N. Fogg offered the 2nd. Motion carried 3-0-2.
2. Mr. Dube made a motion to accept the 9-24-12 minutes as presented. Mr. Brown offered the 2nd. (Mr. N. Fogg stepped down because he was not present at the meeting in question allowing Mr. Brown to vote) Motion carried 3-0-2.

Review of previously received permit applications not approved at last meeting - none

Review/update of Committee Activity

- a. Forestry Committee – Members agreed, tentatively, to walk the Forest at Pride Hill on Sat. 12-1-12. It was agreed that the property needs to be surveyed, boundary lines painted and a timber harvest planned.
- b. Natural Resources Inventory ad hoc committee – no discussion

Union Meadows purchase

1. **Mr. Dube made a motion to reimburse Mr. Mankus \$77 for recording the Harding Trust & Flora Bell Webber Trust surveys. Mr. N. Fogg offered the 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.**
2. **Mr. R. Fogg made a motion to pay legal consultant, BCM, \$2,488.15, for fees to date in meetings & research for purchase of Harding Trust & Flore Belle Webber Trust properties. Mr. N. Fogg offered the 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.**

New Business:

It was agreed that the Monday, 12-24-12, meeting will be cancelled and not rescheduled, due to Budget Committee & holiday conflicts.

Mr. Mankus advised members of a request from the Heritage Commission. They are looking for a letter of support regarding the removal of railroad track between Turntable Park and Rt 16. The Heritage Commission wishes to stop the State's plan to remove the track, preferring to continue the trail as it exists, which allows for continued use by Put-Put's. Interested parties are meeting with the State later this week to discuss. Mr. Nate Fogg offered to draft a letter similar to the one already sent to the Town of Brookfield on the same matter. **Mr. Mankus made a motion for authorize Mr. Nate Fogg to write a letter in support of leaving the steel rails in place. Mr. R. Fogg offered the 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.**

New permits / applications – review any applications received / permits issued since last meeting:

1. New applications: all presented by Nate Fogg
 - a. P&D Realty – application for installation of Raise-A-Dock at 857 Canal Rd. **Mr. Dube made a motion to sign the application. Mr. Kasprzyk offered the 2nd. Motion carried 4-0-1.**

- b. John & Patricia Reynolds – application for installation of Raise-A-Dock at 75 Flynn Road. **Mr. R. Fogg made a motion to sign the application. Mr. Dube offered the 2nd. Motion carried 4-0-1.**
 - c. Imler Family Trust – application for installation of Raise-A-Dock at 86 Pond Road. **Mr. Dube made a motion to sign the application. Mr. R. Fogg offered the 2nd. Motion carried 4-0-1.**
2. Correspondence:
- a. McGrath - #2012-02928, application for shoreland work at 98 Crew Road returned to application for completion.
 - b. Riley - #2011-01317, approval of restoration plan at 281 Round Pond Road.
3. New permits: #2012-02564: Lawrence Edwards & Ronald Rogers, Ballards Ridge Road: to impact 13,246sf for the construction of a house, septic system and garage

Correspondence received – Received a letter from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, asking for the 2012 Easement Monitoring Report for Siemon #6/Siemon Revocable Trust property. Mrs. Gauthier agreed to draft a letter, sending it along to Mr. Mankus for signature & forwarding to the Society.

Update Commission of other Board activity (liaison activity) - none

Financials - none

Secretary hours – not discussed, but hours remain within budget.

Non-Public Session – none

Mr. Dube made a motion to adjourn. Mr. R. Fogg offered the 2nd. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Mankus adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah D. Gauthier.

