

Wakefield Conservation Commission
Public Minutes
Approved

Location: Wakefield Town Hall 1st Floor Meeting Room
Date: 2-13-2012, 7:00 PM

Commission: Dave Mankus, Peter Kasprzyk, Relf Fogg, Tom Dube, Steve Brown for Nate Fogg

The meeting opened with an extended discussion of the Conservation Commission's purpose. Mr. Kasprzyk expressed concerns raised at a recent Selectmen's meeting that Conservation Commission members were going on private property. The general conclusion reached by the Commission was that if an applicant asks for assistance/advice it is within the Commission's purview to answer those questions or direct the applicant to the correct party. If the Commission is contacted with a complaint, the Complainant should be directed to the appropriate State of NH bureau. Some members inferred from past seminars that the State has suggested that the Commission should be its "eyes & ears", while others believe that it is the State's responsibility to interpret law & inspect property, and that asking the Commission to perform similar functions is an economic "passing the buck".

Old Business:

Review/acceptance of previous meeting minutes

1. Mr. R. Fogg offered the motion to approve the minutes for 1-23-12 as amended. Mr. Dube seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-1.
2. Mr. Dube offered the motion to approve the public minutes for 1-9-12 as presented. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-1.

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

Review/update of Committee Activity – none discussed

Union Meadows Purchase –

1. Mr. Mankus advised the members that he has received a Purchase & Sale Agreement signed by Mrs. Harding, and that it has been presented to the Selectmen.
2. Mr. Mankus said that while Selectmen are in favor of the project, they will not sign the P&S until after at least 1 future public hearing on the subject.
3. Mr. Mankus asked the Commission approval to proceed with posting a Notice to Bid for the survey. Mr. Nate Fogg is working on the details of the RFP. Consensus approval was supplied.
4. Mr. Dube offered a motion to approve asking Mrs. Marcia Beebe to prepare the needed "yellow book" appraisal needed by NHF&G. Mr. R. Fogg seconded the motion. Mr. Mankus noted that he wanted to get on record with Beebe Appraisal

- as soon as possible because of the time it would take to get the appraisal completed and approved through channels and still meet closing deadlines. It was pointed out that as NHF&G will be providing the funding for the appraisal, waiting for the Selectmen to sign the P&S was not necessary. Motion carried 4-1.
5. Mr. Mankus asked that he be given permission to ask Town Counsel to begin the title search work needed for the closing. It was decided that this should wait until after the Selectmen have signed the P&S.

New Business:

2012 Conservation Camp – Mr. Mankus advised the Commission that he has not yet confirmed the dates or fees for Tanglewood. He will provide this information to Mr. Kasprzyk as soon as possible so that Mr. Kasprzyk can approach the school about postings, etc.

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

1. New applications:
 - a. James Miller, Minimum Impact Application for work on Pine River Pond. The application appears complete, but the Commission suggests that the applicant & his contractor amend the application to include notes about employing erosion cloth and noting the location of the indicated silt fence on the drawing. Mr. Fogg has called the contractor, William McNair. Mr. Brown offered a motion to approve the application and allow Mr. Mankus to sign the application on Friday, 2-17-12, giving the applicant the opportunity to amend the application as noted above. Mr. Fogg seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
 - b. Elizabeth Connor, PBN for work at 240 Camp Road, to replace a concrete retaining wall that is 78 lineal feet and the attached current decking of the docking system. The failing wall has several stress fractures from “uphill” pressure as well as continuous water and frost damage. (sent without application because too much time elapsed between the Town Clerk’s receipt of the application and the next scheduled Conservation Commission meeting.)
2. Approved Permits – Joseph & Lisa Petro, Shoreland Impact Permit #2011-03196, map/lot 76-18/13 – Impact 5,596sf for the purpose of constructing a new garage, driveway & installing storm water controls.
3. Complaints – Moulton Family Trust, file #2009-01425 – DES has requested additional information related to the proposed restoration plan.

Correspondence received

1. The Source, Winter 2012
2. Invoice from Moose Mountain Regional Greenways for annual membership dues (\$150) – decision will be deferred until after the March 13, 2012 vote on the budget.

Mr. Mankus asked that the February Forestry Committee meeting be deferred until the 2nd meeting in March. Approved by consensus. Mr. Kasprzyk observed that it is time to stop talking about and actually do the Pray Hill Town Forest survey and develop the harvest plan.

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

Financials – as of 2-6-12 available

Secretary hours – Hours to date not discussed. However, Mrs. Gauthier notified the Commission that she will not be available for the March meetings.

Mr. Kasprzyk offered the motion to adjourn. Mr. Dube seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Mankus adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah D. Gauthier.