

## **Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

### **October 28, 2013**

Present: Nate Fogg, chair; Steve Brown, Relf Fogg, Tom Dube and Dave Tinkham (alt).

Dave Tinkham, alternate, was seated to replace absent member Dave Mankus.

The meeting was called to order at 7:37pm.

➤ **Public**

None.

➤ **Natural Resources Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee**

N Fogg stated there is nothing new to report they are waiting until Nancy Spencer-Smith can provide them with a complete set of maps. He would get in touch with her to find out the status of those maps. He stated the Board of Selectmen has requested no budget increases, but would agree to allow them to make some purchases with the funds from the wages line not used during the time the Commission was without a Secretary for the purchase of Kiosk and maps in this years budget.

R Fogg questioned the number of properties that lack Conservation Commission signage.

N Fogg questioned who is responsible for the signage and would check with Dave Mankus to find out if he knows.

➤ **List of Conservation Land in Wakefield**

D Tinkham noted he and R Fogg walked the Hutchins Field and completed the report.

R Fogg questioned some pine trees left in the field after it was mowed and if those should be removed. He also questioned the remnants of a dock and if they should have that replaced.

N Fogg questioned who the dock would benefit.

R Fogg replied the public could use it and he believes it should be replaced as it was part of the original deed.

D Tinkham read the deed for the Commission's information and the mission was to preserve the lake front. He questioned how they would address removing the dock in the winter.

N Fogg stated this is an unusual circumstance because the deed states no docks, but yet one was there when it was deeded. He stated he is not sure replacing the dock fits the purpose.

R Fogg expressed his concern that if the dock is left abandoned they are violating the agreement and feels if the dock is donated all the towns people can enjoy it.

N Fogg stated he believes they need to seek permission from the owner.

T Dube suggested they contact the owner to find out if the trees need to be removed and if the dock should be replaced.

D Tinkham agreed they could contact the owner, but noted the deed refers to the Conservation Commission not maintaining the land but reporting on it.

**It was moved by Relf Fogg and seconded by Tom Dube to direct the Chairman to contact Cynthia Wyatt (property owner) to report the Conservation Commission's findings from the report done by Relf Fogg and Dave Tinkham with regards to the group of pine trees in the field and the remnants of a dock. The vote was 5-0 the motion carried.**

➤ ***Aquifer Protection Fund***

N Fogg stated the Board of Selectmen are considering a Warrant Article to dissolve an Aquifer Protection Fund that was established a few years back that has roughly \$26,000 in it.

T Dube questioned what it was set up for.

N Fogg replied he believes the protection of the town water supply, but the minutes of the Deliberative Session refer to town well heads.

R Fogg suggested that they read the Warrant Article establishing the fund and discuss it at their next meeting.

N Fogg stated he would forward those minutes and Warrant Article to the Commission members.

➤ ***Town Forest Update***

N Fogg stated he contacted Ms. Scribner as to when she would be able to provide a report and she replied she would have one in a few weeks.

➤ ***Rules and Procedures***

N Fogg stated he is still making the updates to the RSA notations to be consistent with Conservation Commissions.

➤ ***Other Business***

N Fogg questioned if the Commission would like to purchase a kiosk and maps for the Natural Resource Inventory this year. He would like to purchase a large set as well as an 11 x 17 set.

D Tinkham suggested getting them on disk as well.

➤ ***Consideration of Minutes***

The public minutes from September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 Conservation Commission meeting were reviewed.

**T Dube made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 Conservation Commission meeting as written. The motion was seconded by R Fogg. S Brown abstained. The vote was 4-0-1 the motion carried.**

➤ **Correspondence**

N Fogg noted they received the bill from NH Association of Conservation Commissions in the amount of \$275 due in April 2014.

T Dube questioned what they get for that cost.

N Fogg replied he would verify such and also check to see when it was last paid. He also noted they received an e-mail from MMRG to find out how many will be attending the meet and greet on November 7<sup>th</sup>. At this point no one is able to attend.

➤ **Public**

John Miller stated as a member of the public he is not clear to what the Conservation Commission does or even how to find out what the land can be used for. He suggested they use the free cable channel to do some public education of the lands in town to provide such information.

N Fogg agreed they could do that and noted they plan to have more kiosks as well as the printed maps available as well.

➤ **Next Meeting**

The date for the next meeting is scheduled for November 11th, 2013 at 7:30 PM.

**T Dube made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by S Brown. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Amelia Capone-Muccio*