

Draft-Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes July 8, 2013

Present: Nate Fogg, chair; Dave Mankus, vice-chair; Relf Fogg; Tom Dube; Dave Tinkham (alt)

Dave Tinkham, alternate, was seated to replace absent member Steve Brown.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

➤ ***MMRG for placing the recently subdivided land at the corner of Oak Hill Road and Lovell Lake Road into a conservation easement***

Nate Fogg stated he brought the plan for placing the subdivided land at the corner of Oak Hill Road and Lovell Lake Road into a conservation easement and the Commission needs to discuss signing a letter of support.

Nancy Spencer-Smith stated the owner wants to preserve the land but the money is not there to do so. They have received a grant of \$5,000 and are confident they will raise the rest of the funds to put it into a conservation easement. She explained they are seeking a letter of support and will go before the Board of Selectmen as well.

Nate Fogg questioned if they have negotiated a price.

Ms. Spencer-Smith replied the owner has accepted the amount of the conservation easement.

Nate Fogg questioned how much land will be kept with the house.

Ms. Spencer-Smith replied about 10 acres.

Relf Fogg stated that it is the property owners wish to do this and noted the land is currently in Current Use and that the house will remain on the tax records so there is not a lot of lost revenue to the Town of Wakefield. He noted that he is concerned about the Federal Funding and would like to see the community get together and raise some funds to support the endeavor.

D Mankus made a motion to draft a letter of support for a conservation easement for Tax Map 205 Lot 2. R Fogg seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 the motion carried.

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

Nate Fogg stated at this point there is nothing new to report and noted they need to discuss how they will wrap up the Water Chapter to make it as useful as possible and then meet with the Planning Board.

T Dude expressed his great concern about what is really adding to the quality of the lakes and that is the erosion of the roads and septic systems. He stated he has done a lot of research on the issue and feels very strongly about it.

Nate Fogg noted that the problem is private roads vs. Town Roads and that he felt the chapter was more of inventory information vs. policy.

The Commission had a discussion on the concerns of the erosion in the lakes and how it relates to the Master Plan.

➤ **List of Conservation Land in Wakefield**

D Tinkham provided an updated spreadsheet for review.

D Mankus provided a copy of RSA 674:21 regarding what Conservation Land is and how this RSA addresses it.

The Commission had a lengthy discussion on how to proceed with #15 on the list and its history and what to do moving forward as this conservation land has been built on.

D Mankus stated future projects should be cleared and they should be getting independent legal opinions and define what it means when a property is designated Conservation Land.

Nate Fogg agreed they need to discuss it more, because it is not clear.

D Mankus stated a future goal is have these lands identified and provide a pamphlet of these areas available for public use for hiking, etc.

➤ **Conservation Camp**

N Fogg noted there are still five campers scheduled, they have received \$572 from the funds raised at Pride Day which was deposited into the account.

➤ **Consideration of Minutes**

The public minutes from June 24th were reviewed.

D Mankus amended page one, under PREP Grant to strike reference to \$18,000.

R Fogg made a motion to approve the public minutes from June 24th, 2013 as amended. D Mankus seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 the motion carried.

➤ **Other**

Relf Fogg questioned based on a recent notice from the State regarding the burning of materials on his property and that painted wood cannot be burned, should the Commission also be advising the public about air quality.

The Commission agreed they should

➤ **Rules and Procedures**

Relf Fogg noted the update for the 24 hour posting should be amended.

Nate Fogg replied he would do that and the Commission can vote on it at the next meeting.

➤ **Next Meeting**

The date for the next meeting is scheduled for July 22nd , 2013 at 7:30 PM with a Forestry Meeting.

➤ **Financials**

D Tinkham submitted a bill for copies made for the Conservation Land spreadsheet in the amount of \$21.54.

D Mankus made a motion to approve reimbursing D Tinkham for the \$21.54 for copies. The motion was seconded by T Dube. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Relf Fogg noted that would leave \$53.46 left in that budget line.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio