

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Draft-August 12, 2013

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

Dave Tinkham, alternate, was seated to replace absent members.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm.

➤ **Public**

Nancy Spencer Smith questioned if there is going to be a presentation from the Heritage Commission.

N Fogg explained no, that they determined that such is not relevant because they are not natural resources.

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

Nancy Spencer-Smith provided some colored maps that were done by Dustin Johnson of the Acton Wakefield Water Shed Alliance on 8 ½ by 11 paper. The maps show overlays of the different maps and are examples of what they are looking to print for large maps.

The Commission reviewed the maps and discussed options for printing.

Nancy Spencer-Smith stated she plans to discuss updates with Dustin Johnson and get the information to the Planning Board and feels the next step is to think beyond just the maps.

N Fogg stated that it is a good start and when they get the rest of the information to let him know to set up another Ad-Hoc meeting.

➤ **List of Conservation Land in Wakefield**

D Tinkham stated he has updated the spreadsheet to include the information N Fogg provided from the Registry of Deeds. He plans to meet with the Assessing office to provide her with the copies as well and to review the Seaman's property.

➤ **Request to purchase 32 acres for Conservation Land-TM 201-11**

N Fogg stated he spoke to the daughter of the property owner of TM 201-11 to as to what they were asking for the property and they are seeking to get the fair value of the property.

Nancy Spencer-Smith noted they will need to get a qualified appraiser if they determine to purchase the parcel. She did feel it was a worthy parcel to purchase in the protection of Lovell Lake. She also noted that they would need to discuss who holds the easement for enforcement as there are potential encroachments.

➤ **Review ways to improve Town roads**

N Fogg stated the Commission previously discussed ways to improve the maintenance of private roads to preserve the lakes and to discuss such with the associations.

Mr. Brown stated it would be beneficial to get some support from the Salmon Falls River protection as that is ultimately where the water shed ends up.

Nancy Spencer-Smith agreed such is a great idea and they could contact Linda Shire as there are groups out there that would help.

N Fogg agreed accelerating the education process is a good effort for the Conservation Commission to take on and this will be an ongoing discussion.

➤ **Town Forrest**

The Commission will walk the Town Forest on Pray Hill Road with Wendy Scribner, Friday, August 16th at 5:30 PM.

N Fogg noted he recently visited the Forest and the snowmobile trail is washed out and off-road vehicles have been in there which needs to be addressed. He will also look into the class of the road.

➤ **Conservation Camp**

N Fogg noted the balance has been paid out of the budget and the kids are at camp this week.

➤ **Financials**

N Fogg stated the budget has 33% left to date.

➤ **Consideration of Minutes**

The public minutes from July 22nd were reviewed.

N Fogg amended page one to correct the date of the meeting and the last page to fix July 8th.

R Fogg made a motion to approve the public minutes from July 22nd 2013 as amended. S Brown seconded the motion. Dave Tinkham abstained. The vote was 3-0-1 the motion carried.

➤ **Review of applications and correspondence**

N Fogg provided correspondence for review. He also submitted a Wetlands Application on behalf of the Town of Wakefield to replace the last of four culverts on Canal Road for the Commission to approve.

R Fogg made a motion to approve the Wetlands Application for the Town of Wakefield to repair a culvert on Canal Road. D Tinkham seconded the motion. The vote was 3-1 the motion carried.

➤ **Rules and Procedures**

N Fogg stated he made the updates to the posting time and is updating the RSA notations to be consistent with Conservation Commissions and will provide it for the next meeting.

➤ **Monitoring of Carl Seaman Revocable Trust**

N Fogg stated that the monitoring report needs to be done for the Carl Seaman Revocable Trust and questioned how the Commission wanted to proceed on doing it noting it needs to be completed by January 15th.

R Fogg and D Tinkham volunteered to walk the property and complete the report.

➤ **Next Meeting**

The date for the next meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2013 at 7:30 PM.

S Brown 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 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio