

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

DRAFT-September 9, 2013

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

Dave Tinkham, alternate, was seated to replace absent member Relf Fogg.

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

N Fogg noted Board of Selectmen member Connie Twombly joined the Commission meeting this evening.

➤ **Public**

None.

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

N Fogg stated he printed a map of the National Wildlife area, but noted that it highlights the lakes as the highest habitat in the area and was hoping for more information on habitats beyond water and land.

D Mankus stated he would like to print a usable size set of maps once they are complete and noted they have been doing most of the project with no budget up to this point.

T Dube noted he would like to see them in an electronic format like on the website as well.

N Fogg agreed they could get a set printed, but at this point they will wait until Nancy Spencer-Smith provides them with a completed set.

➤ **List of Conservation Land in Wakefield**

D Tinkham noted some discrepancy between the Warranty Deed and the Conservation Easement with regards to language and that the Warranty Deed lists limitations for the Gage Hill property such as no hunting, no campfires, and no motorized vehicles but can be used for recreational purposes. He stated if such is the case it should be posted.

T Dube stated that the two documents do not conflict each other, they work together.

D Mankus questioned if they could post a list of Conservation lands on the town website.

D Tinkham also noted that there is a path mowed on the Hutchins's field and questioned if someone is doing that.

D Mankus replied they should find out if they should be preserving the field and if it should be mowed.

T Dube stated that could be verified when D Tinkham and R Fogg do the review of the property.

➤ **Review ways to improve Town roads**

N Fogg sent an e-mail to Linda Shire and is awaiting a response with regards to getting something together for the road associations.

T Dube provided an example of how Belleau Lake Association is working towards reducing erosion into the lake.

N Fogg stated that such is a good example and those solutions should be shared with other road associations and private roads.

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

N Fogg stated he is still waiting to hear back from the daughter of the property owner of TM 201-11 to as to what they are asking for the property.

➤ **Consideration of Minutes**

The public minutes from August 12th and 26th Conservation Commission meeting and July 22nd Forestry meeting were reviewed.

T Dube made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 22nd, 2013 Forestry Meeting. The motion was seconded by D Mankus. D Tinkham abstained. The vote was 4-0-1 the motion carried.

D Tinkham made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 12th, 2013 Conservation Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by D Tinkham. T Dube abstained. The vote was 3-0-2 the motion carried.

D Tinkham made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 26th, 2013. The motion was seconded by D Mankus. The vote was 3-0-2 the motion carried.

➤ **Review of applications and correspondence**

N Fogg provided correspondence for review and noted that none of it needed approval.

➤ **Rules and Procedures**

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

➤ **Financials**

N Fogg stated he has a meeting with the Town Administrator Tuesday to review the proposed budget and if anyone has any suggestions or changes they should let him know.

D Mankus noted the line for maps is fund at \$1.00 and would like to use some funding to purchase maps of the NRI project. He noted that the work for the project did not cost them any funds and suggested adding \$300 in the line to get copies of the maps.

D Tinkham made a motion to add \$300 to line 1-4611-1-390 Maps in the Conservation Commission budget. The motion was seconded by D Mankus. The vote was 5-0 the motion carried.

➤ **Next Meeting**

The date for the next meeting is scheduled for September 23rd, 2013 at 7:30 PM.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio