

## Conservation Commission Meeting – 14 January 2013

Present: Dave Mankus, chair; Nate Fogg, vice chair; Relf Fogg; Tom Dube; Peter Kasprzyk; Steve Brown (alt); Dave Tinkham (alt)

Public: Jerry O'Connor (videographer)

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

N Fogg stepped off the board to allow S Brown to sit in for the discussion of the minutes.

The members reviewed the minutes from the November 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. The title was amended to read "Minutes" rather than "Agenda." **R Fogg mad a motion to approve the minutes from Nov 26<sup>th</sup> as amended. The motion was seconded by T Dube. The vote 4 in favor with 1 abstention (P Kasprzyk.)**

N Fogg returned to the board.

The minutes from the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting were tabled because most members had not seen them to review them. There was also discussion regarding another meeting held only to approve 2 applications. This meeting was November 20<sup>th</sup>, not December 11<sup>th</sup> as was discussed at the meeting.

Chairman Mankus was reminded to be very clear when attending other meetings whether he represents the Conservation Commission or himself. Minutes from previous Planning Board, Selectmen, & Budget Committee meetings have not clearly shown whether he was representing himself or the Cons Comm.

A revised plan and letter of explanation for the Linscott Wetland Application on Long Ridge Road was reviewed.

Moose Mountain Regional Greenways (MMRG) has offered to pay for a portion of the Wakefield Natural Resource Inventory (NRI). R Fogg suggested that we invite MMRG to our next meeting to discuss the most efficient way to move ahead and get the NRI completed and the best use of the MMRG resources being offered.

R Fogg reminded the board that he feels strongly that the board can complete some or all of the NRI tasks ourselves. He is willing to put in time to help make this happen. The board agreed that we should all be more familiar with the Conservation Commission's responsibilities put forth by the State RSAs. UNH has NRI Guidelines available that may be helpful in moving forward. N Fogg

volunteered to research how the term "Index" versus "Inventory" is used within the RSA. R Fogg reminded board members to obtain a copy of the newest version of the NH Planning and Land Use Regulations. He believes that there are copies available in the Building Department in the Town Hall.

It was reported to the Cons Comm that the Planning Board does not want to move ahead with the optional Conservation Chapter of the Town's Master Plan at the present time. The Master Plan falls under the responsibility of the Planning Board.

R Fogg brought up the warrant article which was presented to allow the voters to for or against the purchase of the Union Meadows property. The warrant article will give another opportunity for the public to be informed or where the funds to pay for this project are coming from so that they can make an informed decision. A discussion ensued as to whether the warrant article had cost the town money being presented at this time. It may have been more straight forward to prepare a warrant article for last year's Town Ballot had we known all of the particulars of the purchase at the time.

The Purchase & Sales agreement with the owners expires on January 31<sup>st</sup>. The current owners may be looking for another buyer in the meantime. It is not known whether the owners will still honor the P&S after the town vote. The good news is that the current owners want to make sure that the parcels end up as conservation land regardless of the means used to get there.

The land between the Mobil Station and Catholic Cemetery was discussed. No new news to report. Questions remain as to whether or not there is a separate piece of land there and who owns it. The Heritage Commission is involved because there once was a mill on the property.

R Fogg stepped off the board to allow S Brown to sit in for the discussion of an application.

R Fogg presented a Wetland Application that he had prepared to replace a retaining wall for Belofsky at 486 Brackett Road. The wall replacement will be done in the dry and is replacing an existing wall that has deteriorated over time.  
**N Fogg made a motion that the Cons Comm sign the Minimum Expedited Wetland Application to expedite the review process. T Dube seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.**

R Fogg returned to the board.

Correspondence was reviewed:

Union Village Dam letter from Siemon to NHDES Dam Safety; letter from NHDES to Holt Rev Trust regarding missing information submitted with their Wetland Application for 42 Grant Towle Road; NHDES Approval of a Forestry Notification Permit for Bartley at 47 Willey Road; NHDES Approval of a Wetland Application for Mor Rev Trust at 329 North Shore Drive; NHDES Approval of a Wetland Application for Caramello at 245 Veazey Cove Road; and NHDRA letter announcing revised procedures for calculating Timber Yield Tax.

D Tinkham presented a spreadsheet showing the 17 known Conservation Easements in town. He wants to research each of them to make sure that the Cons Comm and Assessing office have copies of the deeds and plans associated with each of the easements for our records.

**R Fogg made a motion to allow D Tinkham to spend up to \$75 to purchase the deeds and plans for easements that are not already in our files. N Fogg seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0**

D Mankus presented the Cons Comm Report for the Town's 2012 Annual Report. After several small adjustments the board felt by consensus that the report was appropriate to present for the annual report.

D Mankus reminded N Fogg that his term is up this year. N Fogg stated that he would be willing to serve again if the board desired. **R Fogg made a motion to recommend that the Cons Comm recommend to the Selectmen that N Fogg be appointed to serve on the Cons Comm another term. T Dube seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 with N Fogg abstaining.**

The board discussed a manifest from the lawyer assisting with the Union Meadows Project. The fees are within the agreed upon amount. **R Fogg made a motion to approve a warrant for \$1,629.39 to the lawyer assisting with the Union Meadows Project. N Fogg seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.**

There were no financials or secretary hours to discuss.

Jerry O'Connor spoke as a member of the public. He reiterated that it was unclear as to whether or not Mr Mankus was representing himself and/or the Cons Comm at Selectmen and Budget Comm meetings. Did the Cons Comm vote for Mr Mankus to approach the Budget Comm for NRI funding through the Cons Comm? The board did not know of such a vote. Mr O'Connor also concurred that the Master Plan was the responsibility of the PB and the NRI was the responsibility of the Cons Comm per RSA 36-A.

**T Dube made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr Kasprzyk seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nathan Fogg