

Conservation Commission Meeting – 11 March 2013

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

Public: Nancy Spencer-Smith; Bruce Rich; John Hraba; Kathleen Hraba; Linda Shier

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Public in attendance was there to discuss NRI.

D Mankus reviewed the recent steps taken toward completing the NRI. Bids solicited (\$10K-16K), money not available this year. Presentation by Amanda Stone from UNH Cooperative Extension of some of the common steps to preparing and NRI. Board's decision to form an ad-hoc committee and move forward a section at a time.

Discussion ensued regarding the ad-hoc committee, what was a good time for meetings, how the data could be used, how to break down the process into manageable pieces, making sure that the ad-hoc committee and Cons Comm met regularly to keep each committee informed of progress, needs, and timetable. Producing a timetable for completion was discussed. Perhaps that should be the first task of the ad-hoc committee. Lakes should be the first section worked on since most volunteers had knowledge in that area and that would make it a positive first step for the group. Are there members of Heritage's ad-hoc committee that could help with our needs? Professional help may be useful in putting together the data into a usable format.

The first ad-hoc meeting will be arranged so that Amanda Stone can attend and help the group get going in the right direction and help to itemize the tasks at hand. A Tues, Wed, or Thurs would work best for those in attendance.

The Cons Comm felt that we should get organized and then present to the planning board to find out what type of data would be the most useful to them. If they are not going to use the data then we should keep our NRI fairly simple.

D Tinkham made a motion to form an ad-hoc committee to prepare information and present to the planning board at a date TBD. The motion was seconded by P Kasprzyk. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Those who attended were thanked for their interest in helping with the NRI and they left the meeting.

P Kasprzyk noted that he did not like being quoted in his absence. A discussion followed regarding the definition of abutters. The question was generally whether or not every member of an association needed to be notified, or whether notifying the association itself was sufficient. No definitive answer was obtained to everyone's satisfaction.

Minutes of previous meetings:

12/10 previously approved; 2/18 not previously approved; 2/25 not yet prepared by N Fogg (acting secretary)

P Kasprzyk has flagged the Town Forest on Pray Hill Road. He has looked at abutting parcels. There are boundary issues to be resolved when we hire a surveyor to prepare a plan of the property. The board will walk the property when there is less snow. The board needs to look into what account logging revenue ends up in and how we can pay for a survey. Can we capture the logging revenue towards our survey costs? After a survey is prepared a forestry plan needs to be prepared. At our April Forestry Comm meeting we need to move forward with a plan to complete these tasks.

Summer Camp was discussed. We will invite the parents to our April 8th meeting. D Mankus will revise last year's letter and send to the school for distribution. The pros & cons of the camps to be considered were discussed. It was felt that the camp we have used for the past couple of years will be used again unless the parents decide otherwise.

Pride Day is May 18th. P Kasprzyk will order Balsam & Tamarack trees. **N Fogg made a motion to approved up to \$275 to order trees, including shipping costs. The motion was seconded by D Tinkham. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.**

The Schlerf permit received approval 2013-00359.

P Kasprzyk reviewed and took pictures at a site where R Fogg was working on Lovell Lake after receiving complaints about erosion control not being installed. R Fogg explained how the work at the site was being approached. A complaint has been filed with NHDES.

There will be a hike of the Union Meadows properties on March23rd.

D Mankus talked to the Town Admin. About advertising for the vacant secretaries position on our board. Application deadline for the position is April 8th.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nathan Fogg