

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes – 25 March 2013

Present: Dave Mankus, chair; Relf Fogg; Peter Kasprzyk; Steve Brown (alt); Dave Tinkham (alt); Nate Fogg, vice chair arrived at 7:20

Public: Ed Comeau, videographer for Government Oversight

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

The board discussed the Town Forest on Pray Hill Road. The boundary has been flagged by P Kasprzyk. A site walk on April 6th at 9am was agreed upon by the board. Members will meet at the site.

The Natural Resources Inventory was discussed. How to best show different layer overlays on the maps? Dustin should be consulted by the ad-hoc committee since he will help produce the maps. **R Fogg made a motion for the Ad-Hoc Comm to prepare layering criteria and bring it to the Cons Comm for approval. The motion was seconded by P Kasprzyk. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.**

AWWA has the Water Resources Chapter of the NRI nearly complete, having worked on the material for several years, using some Town money. Helping with at least this portion of the NRI is there was of giving back to the community that has supported them for many years.

Board Re-organization:

R Fogg nominated N Fogg for the position of Chair. The motion was seconded by P Kasprzyk. The vote was 4-0-1 in favor of the motion.

P Kasprzyk nominated D Mankus as Vice Chair of the committee. The motion was seconded by R Fogg. The vote was 4-0-1 in favor of the motion.

There were no other nominations put forth for either position.

Board procedure was discussed to make sure that it was clear who was sitting on the board on any particular evening. **P Kasprzyk made a motion that alternates should sit in the audience until the board has been seated. The motion was seconded by R Fogg.** Clarification was added that provided enough seats were available at the front table, any alternate could sit at the table with the board. **The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.**

Minutes from the Feb 25th meeting and the Mar 11th meeting were handed out for review.

The former secretary's laptop was the property of the Town. Deb has returned it after attempting to download all Cons Comm & School Board data. The laptop is old, slow, and potentially unreliable. N Fogg will check with the Town Administration about the condition of the laptop, and about whether any options are available to the Cons Comm. Are old police cruiser laptops available? Is there an IT person to evaluate the existing

laptop? Are undesignated funds available to purchase a laptop for the committee? D Tinkham is willing to temporarily donate a laptop for the Cons Comm's use if another alternative is not found.

D Mankus made a motion to approve the Cons Comm Minutes from Feb 25th as printed. The motion was seconded by R Fogg. The vote was 4-0-1 in favor of the motion.

R Fogg made a motion to approve the Cons Comm Minutes from Mar 11th as printed. The motion was seconded by P Kasprzyk. The vote was 4-0-1 in favor of the motion.

Summer camp is approaching. D Mankus will forward letter about camp sent home with school kids. We will ask the parents to come and meet with the Cons Comm at our April 8th meeting. The letter will go to 5th, 6th, & 7th grade students. S Brown will update the dates on the letter, make copies at the town hall, and deliver it to the school for distribution.

PREP Grant is due by the end of June. An extension may be possible if necessary. At a previous meeting it was decided to vote on the grant with the full board present. These funds would be used to offset costs incurred by the town helping with the acquisition of the Union Meadow conservation properties.

No update on the potential conservation land behind the Mobil station.

P Kasprzyk has placed a request with the company where we order seedlings and requested Balsams, and a mixture of other seedlings to have on hand to distribute on Pride Day. The request was to provide up to \$275 in seedlings, including shipping.

R Fogg made a request to the board to view more application sites during not only the permitting process, but through the construction process also. The Cons Comm is the 'eyes and ears of the NHDES'. Pictures alone can be misleading. P Kasprzyk brought up what about the liability to the Cons Comm or individual member if advice is given, or perceived to be given onsite.

On March 23rd, MMRG held a site walk for the new conservation land at Union Meadows. Approximately 40 people attended. The group broke up into smaller groups and viewed different parts of the site.

P Kasprzyk moved to change the meeting start time to 7:30pm on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, to accommodate N Fogg's current availability. The motion was seconded by R Fogg. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

N Fogg will look into the boards financials and make sure that the current applications are available for meetings. He will also meet with the new Town Clerk to make sure that we are notified when new applications are dropped off at town hall.

N Fogg will check and make sure that the position of board secretary has been posted on the Web, Newspaper, Town Hall, and the Post Office. It was suggested that N Fogg check with the Town Admin and/or the Land Use Clerk about a work program that might bring forth a qualified individual for the position.

S Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by P Kasprzyk. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nathan Fogg