

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes November 24, 2014

Present: Nate Fogg chair, Dave Mankus vice-chair, Relf Fogg and Steve Brown

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

➤ **Public**

None.

➤ **Consideration of Minutes**

Tabled to the next meeting.

➤ ***Review of Application/ Correspondence***

The Commission reviewed the following Correspondence:

- Request for more information-Timothy Howard/151 Old Pine Road
- Request for extension-DrewMill dam

➤ **Board Business**

Gage Hill Conservation Area

N Fogg suggested they make improvements in the spring.

S Brown questioned if the Society for the Protection of Forests has responded to the request to make improvements.

N Fogg replied they have not.

D Mankus suggested sending them the sketch.

N Fogg replied he did send the sketch, but there was no response to his inquiry. He stated he would look into it further and get something in writing. He brought the Gage Hill file for review. He stated he has also sent an offer to the realtor on the abutting property to Gage Hill. He also noted they do have a list of what the NRI should be and likes the idea of adding a paragraph of information to each lake.

Adopt a Conservation Area

R Fogg questioned who would determine who adopts the Conservation area?

N Fogg replied that has not been determined yet, he noted the Commission needs to decide how to move forward. He feels this is a great idea and when they iron out the details it should be put on the Town website. He provided a draft proposal for review.

D Mankus stated he feels a brief description of the duties should be included, such as picking up litter or checking the signs that gives direction to those who adopt the areas.

N Fogg agreed they could add that to the document, but each individual or group should meet with the Conservation Commission to discuss the needs of each area to be adopted.

R Fogg suggested this may be a great program to get the school children to do.

N Fogg agreed that is a good idea. He would make some revisions to the draft and the Commission can review it again at the next meeting.

Town Forest

N Fogg stated the cutting of the timber on the Town Forest is still an ongoing issue as there is no clear financial path for that. He stated as he understands, even if they create a fund for it there is no guarantee they could spend the funds on a survey and such would take a vote of the Town. He stated the Town Administrator is still working on options, but noted they have run out of time for a Warrant Article for this year.

R Fogg questioned paying it out of Fund 3 as it is a Conservation Easement.

S Brown replied it would need to be approved by the Board of Selectmen because it is different than using Timber Harvest Funds.

Conservation land deeds

N Fogg questioned if the Commission would like copies of the deeds to review of Conservation Land.

S Brown suggested sending them electronically.

➤ *Next Meeting*

The date for the next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

S Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by D Mankus. The vote was 4-0 in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio