

## **Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Draft-February 10, 2014**

Present: Nate Fogg (present for a portion of the meeting), chair; Dave Mankus vice-chair, Relf Fogg, Steve Brown, Tom Dube and Dave Tinkham (alt).

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

D Tinkham was seated for N Fogg.

➤ **Public**

None.

➤ **Consideration of Minutes 1/13/14**

R Fogg amended the motion on page one correcting it to read to use undesignated funds to cover the RFP for the Forester.

**R Fogg made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Conservation Commission meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by S Brown. The vote was 5-0 the motion carried.**

➤ **Consideration of Minutes 1/27/14**

**R Fogg made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Conservation Commission meeting as written. The motion was seconded by S Brown. The vote was 5-0 the motion carried.**

N Fogg joined the meeting and D Tinkham resumed as an alternate.

➤ **Review of Applications/ correspondence**

N Fogg provided applications received for review and none required signatures. The Commission briefly discussed the Wetland Application for a proposed Dunkin Donuts across from the Irving Station off Rt. 16 (parcel Map 240-8) that was previously presented to the Planning Board for a conceptual plan.

Peter Kasprzyk questioned drainage and if they are proposing to use pervious pavers for the parking lot.

N Fogg noted that at this point it is a wetland application and those details are not available yet.

R Fogg questioned if the Conservation Commission should provide feedback to the Planning Board to encourage them to support the application as he does see any environmental impacts in the request at this point.

T Dube disagreed they have not been provided with any drainage proposals yet.

D Mankus stated that he feels it is not a bad idea to acknowledge they have reviewed the proposal to this point.

T Dube noted if they do that they should do it for all projects.

N Fogg agreed they could do that by having a simple format to acknowledge those applications that do not require signatures as that would be redundant for those with the signatures.

**D Mankus made a motion to notify the Planning Board that the application for Tax Map 240-8 has been reviewed by the Conservation Commission and such provided accurately represents what is proposed and the Conservation Commission does not have any issues with the proposal at this point. The motion was seconded by R Fogg. The vote was 5-0 the motion carried.**

The Commission reviewed correspondence received from MMRG, thank you cards for the campers attending Tanglewood and additional permits/applications.

➤ **Forestry Plan-review of proposals**

N Fogg stated the RFP was put out and 3 proposals were received as follows from: Northern Forestland Investors, Erik Grove and Seed to Stem. He noted only one of the applicants is present this evening, but if the Commission wished to ask questions they should have all three present to discuss.

T Dube questioned if they could have the plan separate from the harvest.

D Mankus noted they should also address the boundary line issue, as owners they should secure the actual boundary line whether they do a survey or just contact the abutter.

Mr. Miller questioned clarity for the viewers on what is proposed.

N Fogg explained the Town Forest on Pray Hill Road requires proper management of that forest and the purpose of the RFP was to receive proposals for a Forest Management Plan and harvest of trees if necessary.

Peter Kasprzyk stated the Town is required by RSA to have a management plan of the Town Forest. He noted with regards to separate management vs. harvest, he does not believe they need to rebid for that.

D Tinkham stated he attended the Wolfeboro Conservation Commission's informational event on Timber Harvesting and he learned a lot from that event and how a Forester can provide the best advice on how to manage the forest as well as the timber harvested.

N Fogg recommended the Commission digest the information received and take time to review the proposals on who to hire. He noted he personally feels they should hire one person to manage both the plan and the harvest. He excused himself from the meeting.

D Mankus appointed D Tinkham to sit for N Fogg.

D Tinkham stated the purpose of the plan is to plan for the long range vitality of the forest, not for the money.

D Mankus concurred with N Fogg's suggestion to take some time to digest the bids.

S Brown agreed he would like some time to review the bids as well as have all three present to ask questions. He understood from Wendy Scribner's review of the parcel the point is to harvest with the best interest of the forest by removing trees to allow growth.

**It was moved by T Dube to hire Seed to Stem Environmental to provide a Forest Plan for the Town Forest. D Tinkham seconded the motion for discussion.**

**DISCUSSION:**

S Brown stated they really need more time to review the proposals.

**Members voted 3 opposed-2 in favor, the motion failed.**

**It was moved by R Fogg to request Seed to Stem Environmental, Erik Grove and Northern Forestland Investors meet with the Conservation Commission at their next meeting on 2/24/14. S Brown seconded. Members voted 5-0, the motion passed.**

➤ **Natural Resource Inventory**

D Mankus stated at the last meeting he updated the Commission that he was having some trouble printing the maps in a larger size due to the formatting and unfortunately he will not be able to print them larger than 11 X 14 due to the formatting.

R Fogg suggested at this point they provide the index for the Natural Resource Inventory per RSA requirement until they are able to address the maps at a later time. He noted they have maps available for viewing at the Town Hall.

➤ **Kiosks, handouts, video explanation of public conservation lands**

**It was moved by T Dube and seconded by D Tinkham to table this discussion to the next meeting. Members voted 5-0, the motion passed.**

➤ **Next Meeting**

D Mankus noted they need to discuss the ordering of spruce trees for Pride Day at the next meeting.

The date for the next meeting is scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Amelia Capone-Muccio*