

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes February 24, 2014

Present: Nate Fogg, chair; Dave Mankus, Relf Fogg, Steve Brown, Tom Dube (late 7:21 PM) and Dave Tinkham (alt).

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

Nate Fogg appointed Dave Tinkham to sit for Tom Dube.

➤ **Public**

None.

➤ **Consideration of Minutes 2/10/14**

R Fogg amended page one, the second paragraph from the bottom to add the word “not” after the word does in the sentence.

It was moved by Dave Mankus and seconded by Dave Tinkham to accept the minutes as amended. The vote was 5-0, it passed.

➤ ***Review of Applications***

N Fogg provided a shore land permit for David Consili of Gold Coast Drive for review.

➤ ***Forestry Plan***

N Fogg stated that after some discussion with the Town Administrator, the Forester will need to be hired by the Board of Selectmen. He stated the RFP will be discussed at the Board’s next meeting Wednesday night if anyone wishes to attend. He noted he understands the Conservation Commission will have some say the action.

D Mankus stated he recalled what has been done in the past is the Conservation Commission does the foot work and provides a recommendation to the Board.

R Fogg noted he does not see a problem with it but would like some ability to provide an opinion.

N Fogg stated that at this point the Board will move forward with hiring a Forester to put a Forest Management in place as required and feels that two proposals are needed, one for plan and another for future cutting.

*T Dube joined the meeting. N Fogg appointed him to his seat and D Tinkham was appointed back to an alternate.

D Mankus noted he would also like to address the boundary line dispute on the property as well. He also requested some examples of their management plans as they may help in the decision process.

It was the consensus of the Commission to have N Fogg represents the Conservation Commission at the Board of Selectmen meeting Wednesday.

➤ ***Natural Resource Inventory***

N Fogg noted with the need to move forward on this he worked with the Granite program today to create some maps and prepare an index.

R Fogg noted they already have the maps available in the building and suggested moving them upstairs to get more use out of them.

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

N Fogg stated they could make some tri-fold flyers and kiosks.

Jim Miller suggested an idea of a digital brochure that could be done with still photos and put on the website. He suggested starting by prioritizing which places to start with and could even do them at a meeting. He suggested something no longer than 5-10 minutes.

N Fogg agreed such is a great idea and could start this at the 3/24th meeting.

➤ ***Correspondence***

N Fogg noted R Fogg and D Mankus are up for re-appointment. He provided the statement for the Mouse Mountain Regional Greenways dues at \$150.

It was moved by D Mankus and seconded by R Fogg to authorize the expenditure of \$150 for the annual MMRG dues.

DISCUSSION:

R Fogg questioned if they are a non-governmental agency.

S Brown replied they are.

The vote was 4-1, it passed.

➤ ***NH Division of Historical Resources letter***

N Fogg stated the Commission has been provided with a copy of a letter from Peter Michaud informing the Town of Wakefield that the Great Falls Manufacturing Company Newichawannock Canal will soon be considered by the NH State Historical Resources Council for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

➤ ***Public***

None.

➤ ***Next Meeting***

The date for the next meeting is scheduled for March 10th, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio