

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes September 8, 2014

Present: Nate Fogg chair, Dave Mankus vice-chair, Tom Dube, Relf Fogg and Dave Tinkham (alt).

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

D Tinkham was appointed to sit for S Brown.

➤ **Public**

None.

➤ **Consideration of Minutes 8/11/14**

It was moved by D Tinkham and seconded by T Dube to accept the minutes of 8/11/14 as submitted. The vote was 3-0-2 in favor, it passed.

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

The Commission reviewed the following Correspondence:

- Shore land impact-David/Dorothy Paige
- Shore land permit-Karen Eaves
- Application returned for missing information-Sparhawk Rev Trust

It was moved by D Mankus and seconded by R Fogg to approve and sign the PBN-276 Grenier Road, Tax Map 57-21. The vote was 5-0, it passed.

D Mankus noted a suggestion it should be tied to the existing wall as such is not noted on plan.

➤ **Board Business**

Gage Hill

Commission reviewed the sketch of a 60 x 60 area to be cleared which would provide enough room for several cars to park.

D Mankus they to check to be sure that the town public works crew has time to help with the project.

*T Dube was excused from the meeting at 7:22 PM.

It was moved by D Tinkham and seconded by R Fogg to inquire with the Town Administrator on how to proceed with the clearing of a parking lot at Gage Hill such as if the Town Public Works Department can assist with the project. The vote was 4-0, the motion passed.

Conservation Camp

D Mankus questioned the unused funds and noted the funds raised by the town will go back to the general fund, but the funds raised through fundraisers will rollover to next year.

D Tinkham questioned the funds from the bird bath raffle and if those have been received.

N Fogg replied he would check on the bird bath funds and that he did discuss the lack of participation with the Town Administrator and she suggested that the Commission may want to do a presentation in the school that could draw some interest in the program.

Adopt a Conservation Area

N Fogg noted the Commission previously discussed the idea of Adopt a Conservation area and that the idea is to pick an area to be adopted, find an individual or group to adopt it by either taking care of the area or monitoring the area and report any issues to the Conservation Commission.

D Tinkham suggested using a similar programs process to create their application process for the program.

➤ *Other Business*

Work Sessions

N Fogg suggested Work Sessions as a way to dedicate a meeting to getting some of the projects they have been talking about done.

D Tinkham agreed he also provided an example of the plan from another community who used the Moose plate grants and suggested they contact this community as a means to get their ideas in motion.

N Fogg stated he would make contact to find out how that community completed the process and about Moose plate funds.

Financials

N Fogg provided the 2015 proposed budget that has no changes. He did suggest they use some funds to do a kiosk as they have previously discussed.

Moose Mountain

N Fogg noted that Keith Fletcher from Moose Mountain Regional Greenways sent out an e-mail regarding a parcel of 35 acres that abuts Conservation Land that is for sale and may be attractive to the Conservation Commission as it abuts the Gage Hill land. Mr. Fletcher even volunteered to help seek grant funding. N Fogg questioned if the Commission is interested and may want to do a site walk of the property.

The Commission discussed it and determined they are interested in getting more information of the land and doing a site walk.

D Mankus stated he is curious if snowmobiling is allowed at the Gage Hill property as that would allow for more use of the land.

D Tinkham replied he would need to check the deed.

➤ **Public**

None.

➤ **Next Meeting**

The date for the next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

D Tinkham 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 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio