

## **Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Draft-January 26, 2015**

**Present:** Nate Fogg chair, Dave Mankus vice-chair, Relf Fogg, Tom Dube, and Dave Tinkham alternate.

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

Dave Tinkham was appointed to sit for absent member Steve Brown.

➤ **Public**

None.

➤ **MMRG Kari Lygren-Co-Sponsoring a Conservation Easement Workshop on February 26th**

Kari Lygren addressed the Commission to discuss seeking the Commission's support in Co-Sponsoring a Conservation Easement Workshop on February 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 PM as an outreach program they do to help the public understand easements. She stated that Keith Fletcher will explain what an easement is and Wendy Scribner, UNH Forester, will explain Forest Management. She questioned if the Wakefield Town Hall would be available for a venue that evening to accommodate roughly 20 people.

Nate Fogg replied that he would confirm the use of the meeting room for the event and feels this is a great opportunity to provide education.

D Mankus expressed his only concern that many people are gone during the winter months that may have an interest in the topic.

Ms. Lygren replied they do try to have the events more than once year.

Nate Fogg noted they presentation will be recorded and available on the Town website.

Ms. Lygren questioned if the Commission would allow them to ask for memberships at the event as that is how the MMRG gains funding beyond grant and generous donors. She also noted that they do provide light refreshments at the event and ask the local Conservation Commissions to help with that.

Relf Fogg questioned if they are a governmental organization and how healthy the membership is?

Ms. Lygren replied that she is unsure if they are a governmental organization and would have to look into that, but they have approximately 300 members from the Towns of Wakefield, Brookfield, Middleton, Milton, New Durham, and Wolfeboro. She provided the following schedule of up coming events:

- 2/8 Snowshoe race
- 3/16 FCC workshop on the Emerald ash borer
- A Vernal pool walk will be scheduled in March, the date is to be announced

- 4/12 is the MMRG Annual Meeting
- Annual Conservation Commission Mixers are scheduled in October but are looking into changing that to an earlier date due to Town Budget Season.

**D Mankus made a motion for the Wakefield Conservation Commission to Co-sponsor a Conservation Easement Workshop on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The motion was seconded by T Dube. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.**

➤ **Consideration of Minutes 11/24/2014**

N Fogg amended page two to correct Forrest to Forest twice on that page.

**R Fogg made a motion to approve the minutes of 11/24/2014 as amended. The motion was seconded by D Mankus. The vote was 3-0-2 in favor of the motion.**

➤ **Review of Application/ Correspondence**

The Commission reviewed the following Correspondence:

- Shore land Impact Permit-Martha Ortiz
- Complete Forest Notification-DIJA Revocable Trust
- Notice of permit by notification-Elizabeth Connor
- Extension of After-the-fact-Michael Addesa
- Notice of Disqualified Trails notification-Warren & Marjorie Berg
- Notice of monitoring the Lavender property

N Fogg stated he received notification by e-mail that the Water Supply Land Protection Grant Stewardship Annual Report is due January 31<sup>st</sup>.

D Tinkham noted it will be difficult to report on the area since it is currently snow covered. He questioned if they would allow them to do it later or skip some due to the season. He also questioned if they are responsible to do what is in Brookfield.

N Fogg stated he would contact Holly Green of the Water Supply Land Protection at NH DES with the concerns of the time of year and agreed D Tinkham could check with Brookfield to find out if they also do a report.

➤ **Board Business**

**Gage Hill Conservation Area**

N Fogg noted that he has not received a response from the Society for Protection of Forests and believes they are no longer in existence and have merged with another organization. He stated in order to be proactive to preserving the area they need to keep the brush down. He also noted the Real Estate Agent for the adjacent parcel has not heard back from the owners on the offer.

## **Adopt a Conservation Area**

N Fogg stated that the Gage Hill Area seems like the most logical area to try the “Adopt a Conservation Area” first or they could do it at the bottom of Union Meadows for trash monitoring since it gets a lot of use as a fishing spot.

D Tinkham stated he provided the draft at a previous meeting which needs to be finalized and approved by the Commission before they move forward.

D Mankus noted the minutes of the November meeting refer to the discussion and comments for amendments.

N Fogg replied he would refer to that discussion make amendments and e-mail it to the members again for discussion and finalization at the next meeting.

### **➤ Correspondence**

The Commission reviewed the following correspondence:

- Greenway Gazette
- Great Bay Matters magazine
- UNH Cooperative Extension Barry Conservation 4-H Camp. The Commission agreed to provide this information to the schools along with Tanglewood Camp as options for the kids.

### **➤ Next Meeting**

The date for the next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

**T Dube 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 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Amelia Capone-Muccio*