

## **Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

### **March 30, 2015**

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

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

Dave Tinkham was appointed to sit for absent member T Dube (arrived late).

➤ **Public**

None.

➤ **Consideration of Minutes 3/09/2015**

**R Fogg made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/09/2015 as submitted. The motion was seconded by D Tinkham. The vote was 4-0-1 it passed.**

➤ **Board Business**

**Membership Renewal nominations**

**D Mankus made a motion to nominate Tom Dube and Steve Brown as members and Dave Tinkam as an alternate to the Wakefield Conservation Commission. It was seconded by Relf Fogg. The vote was 3-0-2 it passed.**

**Gage Hill Conservation Land**

N Fogg stated as discussed at previous meetings, the plans have been forwarded to the Society of the Protection of Forest for review with regards to the parking area and once they respond the Commission can make plans to move forward.

R Fogg volunteered his time and a machine when the time comes.

**Adopt a Conservation Area**

N Fogg noted that the amendments have been made since the last meeting and the document has been provided for approval and then will be forwarded it to the Board of Selectmen for their review.

**R Fogg made a motion to accept the proposed Adopt a Conservation Area agreement pending approval of the Board of Selectmen. It was seconded by Steve Brown. The vote was 5-0.**

**Natural Resource Inventory**

D Tinkham stated he has been working on a simple way to complete this task and provided an example from the Town of Brookfield and some draft ideas of an index. He stated he has a

topographical map program on his home computer and is willing to volunteer to compile the information.

N Fogg stated what he has provided is great start and with this information they should continue to move forward.

D Mankus stated when the mapping contract for the Town comes up again he would like to see some conservation work included in that contract.

### **MMRG-Wormwood parcel (next to Gage Hill Conservation property)**

N Fogg stated that this is the parcel the Wakefield Conservation Commission made an offer on, but the owner declined their offer and now MMRG is looking to purchase the parcel and there has been some discussion on whether or not the Wakefield Conservation Commission would be interested in contributing to the purchase.

T Dube stated he would like to see the WCC contribute as he would like to see a parcel that a club like the Boy Scouts could use.

D Mankus stated that by contributing they would be able to have some input on the easement on the property, like the ability to use it for camping.

N Fogg stated that this is in the early stages of negotiation and he thought he would bring it in up for discussion and expects they will get more details in the future.

### **Other Business**

D Mankus stated that with regards to the trees for Pride Day, he has had trouble finding any local nurseries to provide the trees. He found a place in Michigan where he ordered 500 trees and if they come in on time he will give the Wakefield Conservation Commission 100 trees for \$140.

T Dube noted Pride Day will be May 16<sup>th</sup> and they will be meeting starting Wednesday each week for the next 6 weeks.

D Mankus noted the Union Village Association is working to raise funds to save the Union Dam as the permit for the State of NH is \$3,000. He stated that Joe Kenney is working on Legislation to help non-profits to be excluded from such permits.

T Dube stated that Union Village Association is a great organization and he feels they should donate to them.

N Fogg stated that over the past several years the State has been taking out dams to help the fish migrate. He questioned if they could donate to this cause as their mission is to protect "land". He suggested a Pride Day booth to help.

**T Dube made a motion for the Wakefield Conservation Commission to look into the ability to donate to the Union Village Community Association to support saving the dam. It was seconded by D Mankus. The vote was 5-0 it passed.**

D Tinkham noted that this is something that the NH Conservation Commission membership can help with.

➤ **Next Meeting**

The date for the next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Being no further business before the Commission, N Fogg entertained a motion to adjourn.

**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 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Amelia Capone-Muccio*