

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

April 25, 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 S Brown.

➤ **Public**

None.

➤ **Consideration of Minutes 4/13/2015**

D Tinkham made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/13/2015 as submitted. The motion was seconded by D Mankus. The vote was 3-0 it passed.

R Fogg joined the meeting.

➤ **Applications**

- Tanya & Thomas Hayes-Shoreland Impact permit

T Dube joined the meeting.

➤ **Board Business**

Gage Hill Conservation Land

N Fogg stated that he has not heard back from the Society for Protection of Forests and assumed that is because there are no concerns with the proposed improvements to the area. He suggested the Commission meet out there to discuss the plans and how to address them at the next meeting. The Commission agreed to meet at the Gage Hill Conservation area on 5/11/2015 at 7:00 PM.

Adopt a Conservation Area

N Fogg stated the Board of Selectmen has reviewed the proposed Adopt a Conservation Area and is agreeable to the program as presented. He stated that Mr. Miller reminded him before the meeting that the Commission had discussed doing a short video advertising some of the Conservation areas and this may be a great idea to include the Adopt a Conservation area to a video.

Jim Miller addressed the Board and suggested they do a story board presentation of the area before they make the video.

Acquiring needed Conservation Easements

D Tinkham updated the Board that he spoke to Virginia Long of MMRG who referred him to Keith Fletcher and Mr. Fletcher is willing to come before the Commission to discuss the acquiring of needed Conservation Easements as there is a cost to it, but noted grant funding is available.

N Fogg suggested that he come to the June 8th meeting if possible.

Union Village Community Dam

D Mankus stated he did some follow-up on the discussion with regards to the project of saving the Union Village Dam. He explained the project includes a \$3,000 permit fee to the State of NH at which is they are seeking to change for non-profits, but the issue before the Commission was could the Conservation ?Commission contribute funds to restore a water body?

N Fogg agreed they need to find out if such is conservation or heritage and he will check to see if Conservation funds can be used for this purpose and report back.

Financials

N Fogg reported \$153,826.46 for the Conservation budget, with \$85,304 in the undesignated funds and \$68, 522.46 in designated funds. He noted with regards to the camp sponsorship, he has arranged for members of the Conservation Commission to speak at the Paul School regarding the two camp options.

Lavender Property

N Fogg noted that the need to schedule a time to walk the Lavender property. The Commission agreed to walk the property on 5/11 at 5:00 PM.

D Tinkham noted they also have the issue of whether or not the Town Forest has and easement or is just considered conserved land.

N Fogg replied that they need to find out what protection the designation of Town Forest has for the property.

NRI

D Tinkham provided a draft version of the Natural Resource Index and explained he used Brookfield's as a template. He noted that was he has provided can be adopted and he believes this will meet the requirements of the RSA, but suggests the members review it and discuss it again at a future meeting before adopting it.

N Fogg stated that Mr. Tinkham's work on this is a great start and suggested they review it at future meetings with the intent to adopt in the near future.

Public

Jim Miller addressed the Commission to note the TV Channel has been upgraded and Town Departments can post directly to the message bulletin. He suggested such bulletin be used for information such as the information about the camp sponsorships and he would like to film that

presentation at the school as well.

➤ ***Next Meeting***

The date for the next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2015 at 5:00 PM Lavender and 7:00 PM Gage Hill.

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 R Fogg. The vote was 5-0 in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Capone-Muccio