

Windham Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2013

Attendance

Commission Members

Wayne Morris, Chairman – present

Jim Finn, Vice Chairman – excused

Pam Skinner – excused

Lisa Ferrisi –present

Bernie Rouillard – present

Justin Pare (alternate) – present

The Chairman appointed Mr. Pare to sit for Mr. Finn.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Minutes for Approval – There were no minutes available for approval.

Public Hearing – Land Acquisition, Lot 8-b-4000

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing for the purchase of Lot 8-B-4000, a land-locked parcel of approximately 4.7 acres located within the Town Forest off Rockingham Road from Robert Merrill. Norm Babineau, an abutter to the Town Forest spoke in favor of this acquisition. Motion made by Mr. Rouillard to proceed with the purchase of this lot for \$14,100.00, seconded by Ms. Ferrisi. Motion passed (4-0).

Non-Public Meeting per RSA 91-A:3 (d)

At 7:45 pm Ms. Ferrisi motioned to go into non-public per RSA 91-A:3 (d) for the purpose of land acquisition, seconded by Mr. Rouillard (passed 4-0).

Kevin Cyr and Peter Zohdi were present to discuss the purchase by the Commission of a portion of Lot 8-B-002, approximately 30 acres in size. This lot is located on Rockingham Road and is adjacent to the Town Forest. This parcel would be subdivided with the portion fronting Rockingham Road being retained by the owner and the rear portion of approximately 30 acres with a well radius easement offered for purchase to the Commission. A price of \$17,100/acre was discussed. Motion made by Mr. Rouillard and seconded by Mr. Pare to present to the Selectmen this offer for their approval to purchase this land with funds for the purchase from the Commission's Land Acquisition Fund and possibly from a grant from NH DES. Motion passed (4-0).

Mr. Zohdi discussed the offering of Lots 8-B-6150 and 8-B-3700 totaling approximately 27 acres, which are land-locked parcels located within the Town Forest for \$6,000.00/acre. Motion made by Ms. Ferrisi and seconded by Mr. Rouillard to present this offer to the Selectmen for their approval to purchase this land with funds from the Commission's Land Acquisition Fund. Motion passed (4-0).

The Commission adjourned the non-public meeting at approximately 8:06 pm and went into public meeting.

Robert Merrill was present to discuss the offering of another parcel of land that he owns (Lot 8-B-650) which is also located within the Town Forest. The Commission expressed their interest and stated that it would be taken up a future Commission Non-Public Meeting.

ZBA Case Review – There were no cases for review.

TRC Case Review – There were no cases for review.

Planning Board Case Review – Case #2013-20, (Lot 11-A-150L1) 54 Haverhill Road

Karl Dubay , the engineer for the renovation of the existing structure and site modification on this lot to house Windham Mobil, an auto repair facility, presented the plans. Previous comments made by the Commission regarding water-quality features to the site drainage system have been incorporated into the plan. The Commission has no objection to the plan as presented.

Discussion

1. Karl Dubay, the engineer for the Weston Estates subdivision stated the owner/developer of this subdivision has offered to meet with the Commission to walk the trail easements on this parcel. The Commission accepted the offer and a date and time for this walk will be arranged.
2. The purchase and use of remote cameras to monitor Conservation Lands that are experiencing problems with illegal dumping was discussed. The Commission is to contact the Police Department to see if they would be willing to monitor remote cameras on these sites. The Commission would consider purchasing these cameras for use by the Police.
3. The Activity Report by Park Ranger Paul Lutz for spring to mid-summer was summarized by the Chairman.
4. A list of Town-owned parcels designated as Conservation was reviewed. A detailed review of this list is to be made by Mr. Morris and Mr. Rouillard to be presented to the Commission at a future meeting.
5. The Commission discussed whether a submission to the CIP is to be made this year and agreed that there is not a project ready for a submission.

DES Correspondence – None.

Mail

An invoice from Devlin Construction for work performed at the Nashua Road Recreation Area was received. The Commission agreed to table action on this invoice until a full accounting of costs for work there had been presented to the Commission for review as well as what portions of these costs are to be paid by the Recreation Committee, the Soccer Association and the Commission.

Motion made by Mr. Rouillard and seconded by Ms. Ferrisi to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

These minutes are in draft form and have been submitted for approval by Bernie Rouillard.