



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Draft Minutes

Conservation Commission

Community Development Office
7:30 PM
February 9, 2012

Members:

Dr. James Finn, Chairman
Mr. Wayne Morris, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Brian Dell'Orfano, Secretary
Mr. Dennis Senibaldi, Member (Excused)
Ms. Pamela Skinner, Member
Ms. Lisa Ferrisi, Member (Arrived at 7:35 pm)
Mr. Bernie Rouillard, Alternate

Seat Alternates

The Chairman appointed Mr. Rouillard to replace Mr. Senibaldi for this meeting.

Bay State Forestry – Mike Powers

Mr. Powers from Bay State Forestry presented the Land Management Plan for the Lord/Stolarz properties located in the southeast corner of Windham, NH. During the presentation, Mr. Powers asked the commission to comment on parts of the report, including any additions that may be warranted. Mr. Powers briefly went through the various sections of the report, including the history of the properties, landowner's goals and objectives, a summary of the saw timber/species found on the properties and a timetable for potential harvesting. Mr. Powers broke up the properties into many different stands which contain specific species of trees. Mr. Powers explained that the stands are determined mostly on groupings of specific tree types, but may contain some outlier species that are annotated in the stand. Mr. Rouillard asked what the market conditions were currently for harvesting the timber. Mr. Powers replied that is currently a pretty good market due to the warmer weather this winter season. Mr. Powers went on to describe how he would determine how many trees to harvest in each stand. The number of trees harvested depends on the stands basal area. Additionally, Mr. Powers described how the property could be blazed and painted for boundary purposes. This type of work can be fairly costly, approximately \$65 per hour and may take many days. Mr Morris commented that the commission would probably not authorize any harvesting



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until a warrant article is passed allowing the timber proceeds to be directed into the conservation fund verses going into the town's general fund. Mr. Powers also briefly addressed the availability of many grants for establishing habitats for the New England Cottontail bird species.

Review of TRC Cases

None

Review of Zoning Board Cases

None

Farmland Preservation Initiative – Mr. Morris

None

Planning Board Report – Miss Skinner

None

Review & Approval of November 10, 2011, January 12, 2012 and January 26, 2012 minutes.

Mr Morris made a motion and Miss Skinner seconded the motion to approve the November 10, 2011, January 12, 2012 and January 26, 2012 minutes. **Motion passed 6-0.**

Other Business

Mr. Rouillard asked if there had been any letters from DES regarding the Fosters Pond Dredge and Fill issue. Dr. Finn will look into this issue.

Mail

Mail was read into the record.

Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3

Mr. Morris motioned and Miss Skinner seconded the motion to go into non-public session per RSA91-A:3 to discuss land acquisition. Motion passed 6-0 on a roll call vote.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for February 23, 2012 at 7:30 PM in the Community Development Department.

These minutes are in draft form and are respectfully submitted for your approval by Brian Dell'Orfano.



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