

Windham Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2013

Attendance

Commission Members

Wayne Morris, Chairman – present

Jim Finn, Vice Chairman – present

Pam Skinner – excused

Lisa Ferrisi – excused

Bernie Rouillard – present

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm

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

Mr. Finn motioned to go into non-public per RSA 91-A:3 (d) for the purpose of land acquisition, seconded by Mr. Rouillard (passed 3-0).

Bob Merrill, owner of Lot _____, which is a landlocked parcel located within the Windham Town Forrest located east of Route 28, was present to offer this lot for sale to the Commission.

The Commission offer \$3,000.00 per acre totaling \$14,100.00, which Mr. Merrill accepted. Mr. Morris pointed out that this offer would be brought to the Selectmen for approval and that further negotiation may occur if the Selectman did not approve of the offer.

The Commission adjourned the non-public meeting at approximately 8:00 pm and went into public meeting.

Minutes for Approval - June 1, 13, 2013

The minutes of the site walk on June 1, 2013 were amended to note that Mr. Finn was present.

Mr Finn motioned to approve the minutes of June 1 and June 13, seconded by Mr. Rouillard, (passed 3-0).

ZBA Case Review – (Meeting Date – July 9, 2013)

1. Case #19-2013 (lot 11-C-2516) 17 Camelot Road – This variance request was for relief from side lot setbacks. The Commission has no objection to the variance request.
2. Case #20-2013 (2-A-800) 1 Brown Road – Case has been withdrawn.

TRC Case Review – (Meeting Date – June 25, 2013)

1. Customary Home Occupation-Conditional Use/17 Twin St. (Lot 14-A-850) – The Commission has no objection to this use.
2. WWPDP Special Permit/22 Mitchell Pond Road (Lot 3-A-567) – Steve and Valerie McClendon, owner of the property were present to explain the reason for this Special Permit consisting of placing 40” diameter by 16’ foot long propane tank underground within the WWPDP. Due to ledge conditions, it is not feasible to locate the tank outside of the WWPDP. The Commission questioned what the vegetation was at the proposed location for the tank and the owner’s stated that it was grass and that after placement of the tank it would be reseeded in kind. The Commission has no objection to the proposed Special Permit.

Planning Board Case Review – (Meeting Date – July 17, 2013)

The TRC Cases listed above are scheduled for this meeting. The Commission has no further comments.

Discussion

1. Devlin Subdivision Easement, (Lot 1-C-1900, 2550) – Planning Board Case #2012-15 – The Commission reviewed the trail easement on this lot which located adjacent to Foster’s Pond Natural Area. The easement is recorded with the deed and is noted on the approved subdivision plan. The Commission plans to walk the easement and will discuss with the owner the placement of signage or markings to identify this trail easement.
2. Impoundment of water in Golden Brook – Mr. Morris gave the Commission background on the gradual build-up of water on the upstream side of the bridge on Rock Pond Road which crosses Golden Brook. The area of impoundment is Conservation Land and it is believed that the impoundment is to be due to beaver activity. Members of the Commission will attempt to meet with Jack McCartney to view the situation and to develop a course of action.

3. Forrest Management – Rules and Regulations of Forrest Management Funds – The Commission reviewed the information packet prepared by the Planning Department and intends to identify Conservation Lands which are suitable for Forest Management and to prepare a Warrant Article for next Town Meeting to designate them as Town Forest.

DES Correspondence

1. Notice from DES regarding watershed protection grants. A pre-proposal is due August 8, 2013.
2. A complaint (DES #2013-01662) at 15 Armstrong Road regarding the construction of a dock without a permit was received.

Mail

A notice was received from the Town of Pelham regarding a Planning Board hearing for a lot line change at 1 Wilson Road, which is adjacent to the site of a proposed subdivision in Windham.

Other Business

1. An invoice was received from Devlin Construction for \$2080.00 for the Conservation Commission share of the tree removal and drainage work done at the Nashua Road Fields/Foster's Pond Natural Area. Mr Finn motioned to approve payment and seconded by Mr. Rouillard (passed 3-0).
2. A memo was received from Elizabeth Woods noting that the Conservation comments made on the Homes of Winslow subdivision were addressed and noted on the plans.

Election of Officers

Mr. Rouillard motioned to nominate Mr. Morris for Chairman, Mr. Finn for Vice-Chairman and Mr. Rouillard for Secretary. Motion was seconded by Mr. Finn (passed 3-0).

The Commission adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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