

Windham Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2013

Attendance

Commission Members

Wayne Morris, Chairman – present

Jim Finn, Vice Chairman – present

Pam Skinner – excused

Lisa Ferrisi –present

Bernie Rouillard – present

Justin Pare (alternate) - present

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

The Chairman appointed Mr. Pare to sit for Ms. Skinner.

Minutes for Approval – September 12, 2013

Motion made by Mr. Finn and seconded by Mr. Pare to approve the minutes as written.
(Approved 5-0).

Public Hearing – The Public Hearing is for the purchase of a portion of Lot 8-B-3002, consisting of approximately 30 acres located at 140 Rockingham Road from 40 Acres LLC for the purchase price of \$480,000.00. The purchase is conditioned on the successful subdivision of Lot 8-B-3002 into 2 lots and the placement of a well radius onto the property to be purchased by the Commission. The purchase is to be funded from the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund. Norm Babineau, an abutter to the Town Forest to which this Lot is to be combined with, spoke in favor of the Commission making this purchase. Motion made by Mr. Rouillard and seconded by Mr. Finn to approve the purchase of this parcel. (Approved 5-0).

Discussion

- **Trail Mapping** - Tim Shriner discussed his recent efforts in mapping trails on Conservation Lands using an APP for his cell phone and downloading collected trail data onto Google Maps. Norm Babineau and Trent Sanders spoke in favor of this effort and expressed their interest in participating in the mapping of trails on various Conservation Lands and Town-owned lands. Commission members also expressed their support for this effort and the following parcels were identified for trail mapping;

Windham Town Forest
Deer Leap
Foster's Pond
Bayberry Conservation Area
Gage Property/High School Trails
Middle School Discovery Trail
Rail Trail

The Commission agreed that this should be placed on the agenda in a month to review progress.

- **2014 Budget** - The Commission discussed increasing the budget for 2014 to include a line item for a Minute Taker (\$2,400.00) and Park Ranger (\$3,000.00). Presently funding for Commission's portion of the Park Ranger's salary is from the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund. The Commission believes that this salary is a re-occurring expense which should be a budgeted item. The Minute Taker line item would be for 24 meetings at \$100.00 per meeting which would include meeting attendance to take minutes and the time required to prepare the minutes for record. A budget of \$6,900.00 for 2014 is being requested by the Commission.
- **Bylaw Review** - Mr. Rouillard motioned and Mr. Finn seconded to revise the Commission Bylaws to indicate that the composition of the Commission is to consist of 5 regular members with 3 alternate members as approved by Town vote on Warrant Article 14 at the 2013 Town Meeting. (Approved 5-0).

Planning Board Case Review - There were no cases for review.

TRC Case Review – There were no cases for review.

ZBA Case Review – Case #21-G-600, off Range Road, Appeal of Administrative Decision. The Commission had no comments.

DES Correspondence – None.

Mail – None.

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

At 8:40 pm, 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 5-0).

The Commission discussed pursuing the purchase of a 3 acre lot, adjacent to the Windham Town Forest and agreed to present an offer.

The Commission adjourned the non-public meeting at approximately 8:55 pm.

Motion made by Mr. Rouillard and seconded by Mr. Pare adjourn at 8:56 pm. (Approved 5-0).

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