



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Conservation Commission

Minutes

August 12, 2010

Dr. James Finn, Chairman
Mr. Wayne Morris, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Brian Dell'Orfano – Secretary
Mr. Dennis Senibaldi – Member
Ms. Pamela Skinner – Member
Ms. Lisa Ferrisi – Member (Excused)
Dr. Bruce Anderson – Member (Absent)
Mr. Bernie Rouillard – Alternate
Mr. John McRobbie – Alternate

Seat Alternates

The Chairman appointed Mr. Rouillard to replace Dr. Anderson for this meeting.

Dijit Taylor – Discussion

Community Services Study

Ms. Taylor mentioned the spreadsheet she sent by email showing income to expense ratios. Ms. Taylor explained that what she found at this interim phase is the ratios are within reasonable limits found in the same study that has been done around the country by American Farmland Trust. Ms. Taylor asked if the \$2,350.00 in the Commission's budget shows up in the budget information provided by Dana Call that includes the Conservation Land Fund. The Chairman said that the budget information is not included in the Conservation Land Fund report. Ms. Taylor said she was interested in the money from the Conservation Land Fund because a substantial amount of what was used last year benefited residents with items such as trail work and parking for trail access. Ms. Taylor said it seemed to make more sense to allocate that money to residential as opposed to open space. Ms. Taylor asked the Members what kind of land use issues in town would it be useful for the Commission to have listed in the report. The Chairman said that farms are a high priority. Mr. Morris said that there is an open space plan online provided by Rockingham Planning. The Chairman asked when he could expect a rough draft of Ms. Taylor's report. Ms. Taylor said that she would have a draft of the report ready for the second Conservation meeting in September. The Chairman said that a meeting will be scheduled after the Commission receives the report. In response to a question asked by Mr. Morris, Ms. Taylor explained that residential property does not pay enough to cover itself and the remaining cost is made up of commercial and open space land. For every dollar in services required for



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open space the town receives \$2.92 in taxes. Mr. Dell'Orfano asked about a comparison to the 1999 report. Ms. Taylor said that she was not sure if she would have enough money left in the contract to work on the comparison report, but it seems to be leaning toward not having enough. That report would probably be done with an extension to the contract and a modest additional amount of money. When Ms. Taylor submits the draft report in September she will provide an estimate for the comparison report.

Approval of June 24, 2010 Minutes

Mr. Rouillard motioned and Ms. Skinner seconded the motion to accept the June 24, 2010 minutes. **Motion passed 5-0-1.** Mr. Morris abstained.

Planning Board Report – Miss Skinner

None

Farmland Preservation Initiative – Mr. Morris

None

Review of Zoning Board Cases

None

Other Business

Acceptance of Lot 6-A-1300 Kent Street

The Chairman advised the Commission that he spoke with David Sullivan, Town Manager, regarding the donation of Lot 6-A-1300. Mr. Sullivan suggested that the Commission accept the donation. The Chairman said the lot is mostly wet and probably not much can be done with it. Mr. Rouillard motioned and Miss Skinner seconded the motion to approve acceptance of the donation of Lot 6-A-1300 on Kent Street by the Conservation Commission. **Motion passed 6-0.**

Mr. Dell'Orfano asked if the Commission has ever heard anything from the Moeckel Pond folks regarding the engineering proposal. Mr. Rouillard reviewed a proposal, but is waiting to hear if the process of selecting an engineering study has been completed.

Mr. Morris informed the Commission that one of the Park Rangers asked if there could be a gate installed on the rail bed somewhere in the vicinity of the softball fields. There have been issues with people riding their jeeps, etc. on the rail bed. The Park Ranger thought that a gate would prevent a lot of partying at Foster's Pond near the entrance to the main trail. Mr. Morris thought there should be conversation with the Recreation Committee and a site walk planned.



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Mr. Morris also reported that another Park Ranger advised him of two very large trees that are down across a trail at Foster's Pond. Mr. Rouillard will walk the area to check the size of the trees.

At the end of May Dr. Finn did the annual monitoring of the Andrews Town Forest. Dr. Finn said that because of all the blue tarps in the area it looks like a "Tent City". The tarps need to be removed.

Mr. Rouillard motioned and Mr. Morris seconded the motion to approve payment of the August 2, 2010 invoice from Dijit Taylor in the amount of \$1315.00 for services rendered. **Motion passed 6-1.** Mr. Senibaldi voted against the motion.

CIP requests need to be submitted by August 18, 2010.

The Members had a brief discussion regarding receiving packets of information before a meeting. Dr. Finn will advise if the Commission will be interested in receiving packets.

Mail

- June 24, 2010 Letter from Benchmark Engineering to NH DES regarding Spruce Pond Phase II along with a Construction Progress Report.
- June 29, 2010 Memo from David Sullivan regarding State Surplus Land for Sale Lot 13-A-100, 16 Roulston Road.
- June 25, 2010 Letter from Peter Zohdi to Laura Scott regarding 2 Wilson Road.
- June 28, 2010 Letter from George Frame of Society for the Protection of NH Forests regarding Ingersoll Conservation Easement.
- June 30, 2010 Memo from Laura Scott to Paul Chicklis regarding WWPD Special Permit Application.
- July 2, 2010 Memo from Elizabeth Wood to the Planning Board regarding 2010 Review of the 2005 Master Plan.
- June 29, 2010 Letter from NH DES to H&B Homes regarding Spruce Pond Phase II.
- July 12, 2010 Letter from NH DES regarding Great Mountain View Estates.
- Deadline for Pre-proposals for DES Watershed Grant is Sept. 3, 2010.
- July 1, 2010 Invoice from Dijit Taylor.
- July 7, 2010 Memo from Elizabeth Wood regarding the July 13, 2010 TRC Meeting.
- July 19, 2010 Memo from Laura Scott to Gloria Andrews at NH DES regarding Great Mountain View Estates.
- July 14, 2010 Memo from E. Wood to Planning Board regarding 2010 Review Update of 2005 Master Plan.



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- July 14, 2010 E-mail from Norm Babineau regarding Route 28 Conservation area trails and parking.
- July 21, 2010 Memo from E. Wood regarding July 27, 2010 TRC Meeting.
- July 15, 2010 Memo from E. Wood regarding Follow up of July 13, 2010 TRC Meeting.
- July 27, 2010 Report of Conservation Land Fund.
- July 25, 2010 Letter from Don Bellemare advising the Commission that he has been ordered to draw down Moeckel Pond by NH DES.
- July 27, 2010 Letter from NH DES to Frank DePiano regarding 28 Sharon Road.
- July 28, 2010 Memo from E. Wood regarding the July 27, 2010 TRC Meeting.
- From the Office of the Tax Collector July Current Use.
- August 1, 2010 Memo from Laura Scott regarding 2011-2018 CIP Submissions.
- July 27, 2010 Letter from NH DES to Marion Deluca regarding 164 Range Road.
- August 2, 2010 Notice from RPC regarding Availability of Planning Assistance Grant Funds through RPC.
- August 2, 2010 Invoice from Dijit Taylor.
- August 2, 2010 Letter from NH DES Shoreland Program to Suzan Messina regarding 25 North Shore Road.
- July 14, 2010 approval of Permit 2010-00663 regarding 23 Farmer Road.
- July 30, 2010 Letter from NH DES to Ken Bergeron regarding the Willows.
- August 4, 2010 Memo from E. Wood regarding the August 10, 2010 TRC Meeting.
- August 3, 2010 Letter from Emily Lucas of NH DES regarding File 2009-01094 9 Allen Road.
- July 20, 2010 Reclassification of Dock Project for Lot 21-V-237A Fish Road, NH DES File #2010-01875.
- August 10, 2010 Memo from E Wood regarding the August 10, 2010 TRC Meeting.
- Open Space Report from RPC.
- From Dana Call Conservation Land Fund Report.

Mr. Senibaldi motioned and Miss Skinner seconded the motion to adjourn. **Motion passed 7-0.**

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for August 26, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Community Development Office.

These minutes are in draft form and are respectfully submitted for approval by Patricia Kovolyan.