

Brookfield Conservation Commission Minutes

November 2nd, 2011

Present: Tom Giguere, John Nelson, Dulcie Lavender, Tom Hill. Alternates: Dick Peckham. Selectmen's representative, Ernie Brown.

1. The meeting was called to order at 18:03. Dick Peckham was designated a full member for this meeting.

2. Public Comments: None

3. Minutes Review: Ernie made a motion to accept the Oct. minutes, Dulcie seconded, and the motion passed.

4. Mail:

A. A bill from the NH Association of Conservation Commissioners for annual dues of \$185 was reviewed. Tom G moved to accept the bill, Tom H. seconded and the motion passed.

B. A wetlands permit issued for NHDOT Project #99406Z was reviewed. The project includes installation of a 20' by 66' long arch pipe where Pike Brook goes under route 109.

C. A timber harvest permit involving wetlands north of Kingswood Lake issued to Mr. Snow was reviewed.

D. The New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions is having a meeting on the 5th of Nov to discuss administrative bylaws.

E. A presentation concerning risks to the Salmon Falls Watershed will be presented at the Governor's Inn in Rochester on November 9th. The Salmon Falls River watershed has been designated as the most at-risk for decline in the nation due to development.

F. Statewide program of Action to Conserve Our Environment (SPACE) gives an update on issues in the state legislature such as current land use.

G. Department of Environmental Services (DES) publication Environmental News dealing with various environmental concerns.

H. DES newsletter Supply Lines dealing with drinking water concerns.

5. Old Business:

A. New Website Update. The website should be active this week. The plan is to have the Conservation Commission manage their segment of the website.

B. Moose Mountain LLC conservation easement. The Committee received an update on this ongoing project from Dulcie.

C. Walpole family contact. Dick spoke with Neda Walpole to advise her of help available to conserve her land. She is still interested in achieving a conservation easement and has a meeting with Mike Speltz of SPNHF in mid November. Dick gave her information discussed with Keith Fletcher at our October meeting. Neda will work with Mike S. to see if they can put something together.

6. New Business: None.

7. Report from the Selectmen:

A. Two yards of cow manure are being delivered to the Town House for the flower beds.

B. John Dansereau is putting black plastic under the Town House and School to reduce the amount of moisture getting into the timbers; a problem identified by the energy audit.

C. The Selectmen met in Concord on 2nd Nov. to set the tax rate. The biggest tax bite will be from the school district.

D. The Governor Wentworth School construction is on schedule. The exterior walls and Vocational Center entry roof should be complete this week.

E. The final summer road project is to reseed Mountain Road where it was dug out and widened so that it could be plowed properly.

8. Planning Board: None

9. Other Business: After walking the rail line from Clark Rd to route 16, Ernie will be discussing options with the Trails Rails Action Committee (TRAC). The goal of this yet-to-be-funded project is to upgrade the rail line to a hiking/biking surface.

10. Next meeting: 7 Dec 2011 at 1800.

11. The meeting was closed at 18:55.

Respectfully submitted _____
John Nelson

Minutes approved: _____