

Brookfield Conservation Commission Minutes

March 02, 2011

Present: Tom Giguere, Geary Ciccarone, John Nelson. Alternates: Jennifer McKown, Dick Peckham. Selectman's representative, Ernie Brown

1. The meeting was called to order at 18:00.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Minutes Review from January 5th, 2011: Ernie made a motion to accept the January minutes as written. Geary seconded, and the motion passed. The February meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.
4. Mail:
 - A. Conservation Plant Sale. This is put on by the Strafford County Conservation District.
 - B. Workshops offered in the area were discussed.
 - C. A training session is being put on by the Coastal Conservation Center in the Great Bay Estuary.
 - D. Books pertaining to conservation written by a professor at the University of NH were presented. As the topics relate to farming, the information was forwarded to the Agriculture Committee.
 - E. Town Cleanup. This is a repeat of the information we received last year regarding free bags and plants.
5. Old Business:
 - A. None.
6. New Business:
 - A. The Moose Mountain Regional Greenways Annual Meeting (MMRG) Recap. The MMRG is primarily concerned with land conservation. The event at the Moose Mt. Lodge was well attended and successful.
 - B. Town Clean-up Preparation. Ernie is going to talk to the Selectmen about organizing a breakfast for town clean-up day. The breakfast sponsored by the Selectmen last year helped turn out residents for the town clean-up.

C. Town Meeting Coverage. Tom encouraged CC members to attend the town meeting. Dick asked about the conservation fund. Tom replied that there is \$1000 in the conservation fund which is intended to help people put land into conservation. Dick further added that Neda Walpole asked for help with legal fees to place her land in conservation before we had a conservation fund. Her land is a wetland area near Tumbledown Dick Road. Dick will further investigate the situation with Neda Walpole and report back at the next meeting.

7. Report from the Selectmen:

A. Ernie reported on the town coffee planned for 8:30 on Saturday 5 March. The meeting is so designed whereby one can meet the candidates running for office. Also the meeting is planned to be an open forum for the various town committees along with input from the town residents.

B. Ernie reported from the school board that the entire school project is on schedule.

8. Planning Board:

A. Geary presented a document (attached) defining agriculture. The Planning Board has placed two articles on the ballot this year concerning the definition of agriculture and what is allowable.

B. The planning board continues to work on the Capital Improvement plan (CIP).

9. Next meeting: 6th April 2011 at 1800.

10. The meeting was closed at 18:50.

Respectfully submitted _____
John Nelson

Minutes approved: _____

Attachment: Planning Board document concerning Agriculture