Brookfield Conservation Commission Minutes

April 06, 2011

<u>Present</u>: Tom Giguere, Tom Hill, John Nelson. Alternates: Dick Peckham. Tom promoted Dick to membership status for this meeting.

1. The meeting was called to order at 18:10.

2. Election of Officers: Dick made a motion that we retain the officers from 2010 for 2011, Tom H seconded and the motion passed.

3. Public Comments: None

4. <u>Minutes Review from January 5th, 2011</u>: Dick made a motion to accept the January minutes as written. Tom G seconded, and the motion passed. Tom H abstained as he was not available for January's meeting.

5. <u>Mail</u>:

A. Workshop for local public officials.

B. DES (Department of Environmental Services) is soliciting pre-proposals for Winnipesaukee watershed projects.

C. DES is providing a drinking water source protection workshop at the Grappone Conference Center on 10 May from 8:30 to 1600.

D. SPACE (Statewide Programs of Action to Conserve our Environment) has to do with putting land in current use.

E. PSNH (Public Services of NH) explains transmission line easements and survey requirements.

F. Workshops regarding saving special places are to be given at Kearsarge Regional High School on 9 April.

G. Watershed News article regarding road salt was discussed and forwarded to the Road Agent.

6. Old Business:

A. As discussed last meeting, Dick made contact with Neda Walpole's family and informed them that funds may be available to help defray the cost of conserving their land. Neda Walpole and her brother, Mr. Franges, are discussing a possible conservation easement.

B. Town Clean-up: On the 30th of April a breakfast will be put on by the Selectmen followed by a town cleanup. The format will be similar to last year. Trash bags and gloves will be provided at a table outside the Town House. Tom G will submit paperwork to the organization New Hampshire the Beautiful which provides plants to town's conducting clean-ups. John will check with the Boy Scouts and Tom G. will contact the high school guidance department and the Brookfield Bloomers in an attempt to get more participation.

7. <u>New Business</u>:

A. The Conservation Commission now has access to the town computer to generate and store/print documents. Tom G. has transferred committee documents from the last several years to the town computer.

B. The Conservation Tax Incentive has been renewed for another year. A federal tax incentive will be provided for people who put their lands into conservation. A 50% write-off of one's income per year could be accomplished until the value of the donation is met. This incentive will continue until the 31^{st} of December of 2011.

8. <u>Report from the Selectmen</u>:

A. No Report.

9. Planning Board:

A. No Report.

10. <u>Next meeting</u>: 4th May 2011 at 1800.

11. The meeting was closed at 18:55.

Respectfully submitted _____

John Nelson

Minutes approved: _____