

Brookfield Conservation Commission Minutes

March 7th, 2012

Present: John Nelson, Tom Hill, Dick Peckham. Alternates Terry and Jean Jones. Selectmen's representative, Ernie Brown. Tom Giguere was out of town.

1. The meeting was called to order at 18:04.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Minutes Review: Ernie made a motion to accept the February minutes, Dick seconded, and the motion passed.
4. Mail: The mail was focused on workshops relating and pertaining to conservation issues. These are listed as follows:
 - A. March 10; 2-4PM: The topic is a film about what the Honeybees are telling us. The location is in Wolfeboro Public Library and attendance is free. This presentation is provided by Moose Mountain Regional Greenways (MMRG). Dick suggested we might consider putting the educational and workshop offerings of the MMRG town website which is something we need to pursue.
 - B. March 16th: The topic is about real tapping tools used by Native Americans and people today obtaining maple syrup. Check the website www.greatbay.org for details.
 - C. March 21st: Municipal turf & grounds conference is offered. Check the website <https://www.events.unh.edu/> for details.
 - D. March 22: A workshop on clean and reliable drinking water is offered. Check the website srpc@strafford.org or call 603-994-3500 for details.
 - E. April 14th: A national perspective on land conservation is offered. Consult the website savingspecialplaces.org.
 - F. May 2nd: A drinking water source protection workshop is offered. Consult the website www.agwt.org/workshops.htm.
5. Old Business:
 - A. Hanson Road and overgrown vegetation: After a discussion of this topic an agreement was reached that the situation is under control on Hanson Road and further pursuit of cleaning the vegetation is not necessary at this time.
 - B. Moose Mountain Regional Greenway request for additional \$25 dues: A letter dated March 5th from Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG) confirms that we are paid in full regarding our membership donation. Our contribution enables MMRG to help communities and willing landowners in the region to conserve critical natural resources, including water resources, farm and forest lands, wildlife habitat, and recreational, including cultural and scenic areas. In addition to land conservation many educational outreach activities and workshops are provided to satisfy the mission statement.

- C. Membership: Terry & Jean Jones have been sworn in as alternates. A new roster list was issued at the meeting. Ernie reminded us that after the town meeting the next time a committee meets then such committees can reorganize the new board.
- D. The B. Smith gravel pit encroaching on a small pond. This continues to be a work in progress.
6. New Business:
- A. Tom H. asked if Mr. Towle got permission to redo his pond. So far no communication has indicated otherwise and Mr. Towle needs to be contacted regarding this matter.
7. Report from Selectmen:
- A. Ernie presented the newly designed Town Reports. The yellow pages identify the current warrant articles along with the current budget.
- B. Ernie encouraged all to attend the town meeting on Tuesday in addition to voting on the items of concern at the ballot box.
8. Planning Board: The Town Planning Board is in the process of reorganization.
9. Other Business:
- A. The topic of Kingswood Lake access was discussed. It was stated that the State owns land on this body of water including the lake as a matter of fact the taxpayers own this lake nevertheless there is no public access to the lake.
- B. Dick praised the commendable efforts that Tom H. volunteered to do regarding the cut slab from the maple tree in the town cemetery. This slab was prepared by Tom H. that included stabilizing the wood slab in addition to adding urethane coatings. Also a stand was designed by Mr. Hill. The production was exceptional. Furthermore the slab is on display in front of the podium in the Town Hall. The Heritage Commission plans further work which might include students counting the rings and marking such rings along with other possible ventures.
- C. Ernie suggested that we could focus on working on identifying walking trails for the town.
- D. Dick suggested on focusing on rail for trails program.
10. Next meeting: 4 April 2012 at 1800.
11. The meeting was closed at 18:56.
- Respectfully submitted _____
John Nelson
- Minutes approved: _____