



Canterbury Conservation Commission
Canterbury, NH 03224

Minutes of the Meeting, April 8, 2013

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Present: Galen Beale, Kelly Short, Tom Osmer, Steve Seron, Linda Fife, Bob Fife, Ken Stern

Absent: Teresa Wyman, Jen Taylor, Faith Berry, Fred Ficken

1. Town Meeting

- a. Tom talked about the table he set up to distribute information at Town Meeting.
- b. Kelly reviewed highlights of the Budget

2. Expedited Wetlands Permit presented by H.T. E. Environmental for Turning Mill Pond dam Rehabilitation at Shaker Village- Eric Teal

- a. Dam Bureau wants Inflow study of 50 year flow, HTE did a design. Low hazard dam because it could impacts Asby Road. Restoring water level to February 2010.
- b. Shaker Village Property Manager, Donovan Freeman had pointed out stone line tunnel up stream on Olsen property. HTE recommended putting a soil plug in front of it. Historically no water going through this tunnel. Result would cut off 2/3 of upland water, resulting in less flow to Turning Mill Pond.
- c. Most recent Turning Mill dam was unpermitted. Village wanted it full for fire protection and recreation. But this dam had an internal piping failure.
- d. HTE's plan would leave historic dam alone, and repair 2nd dam. Connect pipe up to original iron pipe.
- e. Raise up spillway area, to get it equal to dam height. Neither 2nd spillway, nor dike, [which leaks, but determined to be no problem] need any improvement. Put in a triangular trash rack.
- f. Impact on spillway area: 2300 sq. ft. of permanent impact.
- g. Permit has been filed.
- h. Dam permit good for 2 years and renewable for 2 years.
- i. Wetlands permit lasts for 5 years.
- j. **Motion** made by Ken Stern and seconded by Bob Fife to approve the expedited permit. All voted in favor.

3. Robert S. Fife Conservation Easement [RSFCA Easement] setback and reserved rights.

It was learned that the Town needs a town meeting for approval of the proposed easement. Last month Ty had brought up issues of DOT wanting to widening Kimball Pond road and he suggested that 50' along the road frontage be set aside for any possible DOT improvements in the future. A discussion followed:

Kelly reminded the Commission we had purchased this RSFCA to protect the rural character of the town - to maintain a rural vista as one drives into the town center.

Galen felt that looking at Kimball Pond Road as a whole; it would be very difficult to widen this road in the future. There is a cemetery and several houses very close to the road, so creating a 50' right of way for DOT on the RSFCE property was anticipating an improbably situation. For DOT to widen the

road along the RSFCE property would necessitate the removal of the stone wall, the terrain would have to be altered, and the wider road would negatively impact the Scenic Vista that the townspeople felt was important enough to originally purchase the property.

The value of a sidewalk was discussed and there was general agreement that burying the power lines would be ideal. The proposed easement holder, the Forest Society owns many eased properties with road frontage and would vigorously defend the easement in the future as they have done on several of their properties.

Wishing to have all members of the Commission weigh in on this discussion, there was no vote taken. After further discussion, the Commission will make their recommendation to the Selectmen.

4. Recommendations to Selectmen on uses of the RSFCA this summer

Previously Kelly had submitted to the Selectmen a list and a time frame of possible uses of the RSFCA. At the last CCC meeting Ty had suggested that the field be leased again for grazing and the Selectmen wished the CCC to make a recommendation for the use of the field this coming summer.

After a discussion the members felt that having the cows in the field last year did not further the goals of the Conservation Commission for this field. The Commission has put considerable monies into reclaiming this field, which were halted because of the cows, i.e. removing rocks, holding many volunteer work days, and mowing the field several times in an effort to eradicate the invasive species. Additionally, our other priorities for the field had to be set aside, because the cows did not eat the more noxious growth in the field. A winter sledding party on the hill could not happen because the brambles had grown up. Walking the field became problematic and hunting was curtailed.

Motion by Ken Stern, seconded by Linda to recommend to the Selectmen that the RSFCA field not be pastured this coming summer. All voted in favor.

The commission then discussed the reclamation work need this summer. Two mowing's will be done, one in early summer. Work groups will be planned to continue cutting the larger brush.

5. Brookford Farm site plan proposal.

Ken has attended two Planning Board meetings during which Brookford Farm spoke about their future plans. The Planning Board has asked Brookford Farm for a site plan review. The Farm intends to expand, adding to buildings and providing better access to their store.

Ken shared the proposed site plan done by the Farm and said there would be further discussions with the Planning Board.

6. Roster for 2014

Following terms, Fred, Bob, Teresa, Linda and Tom have expired. Fred, Tom, Bob, Linda. All agreed to continue on the Commission. We will Vote on officers next meeting.

Need new members. Chris Blair wishes to be a new member. One voting position and 2 open alternates.

7. Permits

1. Olsen property DES issued permit wetlands and non-site specific permit. This is in response to a Cease and Desist Order from recent logging.

2. McLaughlin property on Shaker Road. They are following up on DES Cease and Desist plan in response to clearing a forested wetland. They have submitted their proposal for a wet meadow; an area to be reforested and a Natural re-vegetation area.

8. Reports from Saving Special Places Conference

Ken reports on the workshops and recommended the board development talk by the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust. Steve Seron spoke on his workshops animal transmigration and Granit mapping.

9. Spring Cleaning -RSFCA

Bench placement. Faith and Jen will work on placement.

Field mowing: Bob line up volunteers to mow. Work days will be set up

The May meeting will be a tour of several properties that we have not viewed recently. More information will come by email. The public is invite to come as well.

10. Minutes

Motion to approve minutes the March Minutes with corrections was made by Ken and seconded by Steve. All voted in favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Galen Beale, Secretary