

DEERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2015

Members Present: Deb Campelia, Serita Frey, Wes Golomb, Kate Hartnett, Dave Linden
Members Absent: Erick Berglund, Jim Deely
Visitors Preset: Charlie Moreno, Frank Mitchell, Rick Van de Poll, and Phil Bilodeau

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the August 3rd meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Finance: Erick Berglund submitted the balance for July for the Conservation Fund. The beginning balance was \$229,504.7, with interest of \$29.35 and a deposition of \$9,250.00 (Land Use Change Tax Q2 2015) for an ending balance of \$238,784.08.

The preliminary 2016 budget was reviewed and motion was made and unanimously approved to accept it.

McNeil Town Forest: Charlie Moreno, Frank Mitchell, Rick Van de Poll, and Phil Bilodeau were present for this discussion. Rick Van de Poll described the natural resource inventory that he completed of the property in conjunction with a wider inventory of the NALMC neighborhood. His findings and recommendations were similar to those made in the forest management plan prepared by Charlie Moreno in 2013. The importance of protecting vernal pools during harvest and conducting management activities during fall or winter was emphasized. Several areas were identified as being of significant ecological value, and it was recommended that the Northeast corner of the property, along with the talus slope area be set aside as a reserve from harvest. It was also recommended that this property remain a no-trails area. These recommendations are consistent with Charlie Moreno's forest management plan. It was agreed that this property is overdue for management and a selective harvest is scheduled for this fall/winter.

Land Conservation: Property #30 was discussed and Frank Mitchell agreed to see if landowner can be contacted to determine the family's potential interest in protecting the property.

Phragmites: Deb Campelia brought in a specimen of *Phragmites* from an area located on the school property near Freeses Pond. It was determined that it is the invasive variety. Deb will let the teachers at DCS know that there is a stand of invasive *Phragmites* on the property and suggest a student project to eradicate it.

Solar-Up: Wes Golomb announced that, as of now, 26 new photovoltaic systems are scheduled to be installed in Deerfield and Candia, doubling the current number of systems in the two towns.

Serita Frey adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

The Next Meeting is Scheduled for Monday, October 19th
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The draft minutes were prepared and submitted by Serita Frey. Final revisions to these minutes will be contained in the minutes of the following meeting, after approval by the Deerfield Conservation Commission