

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 11, 2011
356 Main Street, Farmington, NH**

Committee Members Present: Dave Connolly, Art LeClair, Kathy Spangler, Kristie Holtz, Scott Kobbe and Randy Orvis

Committee Members Absent: Art LeClair

Selectmen's Representative: Jim Horgan

Public Present: Neil Johnson, Randy Tetreault, Joe Pitre, Mr. Alice and Mr. Bowden.

At 6:00pm, Chairman Dave Connolly opened the meeting.

1. Review of Minutes:

Jim Horgan motioned to accept the minutes of 4-13-11 as written, 2nd Randy Orvis. Motion carried.

2. Town Forest Survey Update:

Randy Tetreault of Norway Plains reviewed the Town Forest Survey with the Commission and the issues that arose during the surveying process. The access off of Cherub Drive has been verified and updated on the plan. Randy asked how the Commission would like this particular boundary marked and the Commissions response was that they would like the boundary to be marked just on the center line.

Randy then said that the boundary line on the Lawrence side of the property (borders the woods road) there is an assigned easement that goes through the Society's property and was not granted legally. Randy suggested the Commission clear this easement up now while going through this surveying process. Also, there was an error in the deed in regards to the property abutting the Hayes property and might need to be corrected in the deed because the property clearly belongs to Mr. Bob Hayes.

On the upper right hand section of the town forest, there appears to be another issue where the deed refers to the river as the boundary line but in reality after some research it appears the range line is the boundary line. Mr. Bob Hayes is agreeable to noting the boundary line is the river between his property and the town forest property. The Commission was in consensus to record the plan and deed with all the corrections and appropriate easements and cleared up boundary lines.

The last issue is in regards to the Mill Pond because during the earlier court case it was never determined who owns the property under the pond. Some further research should probably be done to determine ownership but will require town counsel's assistance; the Commission discussed the cost to do this will need to be budgeted for next year.

3. Old Business:

- A. French Site Walk Trail Dedication – Dave reminded the Commission that Jim had suggested dedicated the trail to fallen soldiers. Joe Pitre and Mr. Bowden added that they have information on fallen soldiers for this project and would happy to assist with this project. BH Keith has been working on the grants and a site walk needs to be scheduled and Dave will notify the members of the date as soon as it is solidified.

- B. T-shirts – Dave showed the members an example of the t-shirt material and the sample logos that were designed. Members decided they liked the second design without the animal on it and a gray or tan shirt. 36 shirts will be ordered. *Jim Horgan motioned to authorize Dave Connolly to order 36 t-shirts for the total cost not to exceed \$400 out of the Hay Day line (item #590 at \$8.50/ea), 2nd Kathy Spangler.*

- C. **Security Cameras** – Dave explained he found a local retail company that sells the camera we are looking for. They retail for \$199 and if the Commission buys 2-3 of them the company will give a 10% discount. Kristie requested the specifications for the camera so that she can research online to see if she can find a better deal.

4. Hay Day Update:

Dave reported that the 5K will not take place at the recommendation of the Fire Chief and the Rec. Director because they feel it should be planned more in advance. Art has some other ideas to bring to the Commission.

5. New Business:

- A. Next Tuesday there is a public hearing in regards to the property that abuts Energy Resources Group. The owners are proposing the construction of a parking lot and roads though the plan shows a buffer to the conservation easement.
- B. FYI
 - 1. Dave showed the Board copies of the Invasive Study Results for their review.
 - 2. The April bill from BH Keith Associates was received for a total of \$380.00. *Jim Horgan motioned to pay the bill for \$380 for BH Keith, 2nd Kathy Spangler. Motion carried with all in favor.*

At 7:37pm, Jim Horgan motioned to adjourn, 2nd Kathy Spangler. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Sanger

Recording Secretary

Chairman, Dave Connolly