

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 13, 2012
356 Main Street, Farmington, NH**

Committee Members Present: Dave Connolly, Neil Johnson, Scott Kobbe, Randy Orvis (arrived at 6:54pm), Laura Beard and Richard Ballou

Committee Members Excused: Kathy Spangler and Art LeClair

Selectmen's Representative: Jim Horgan

Public Present: Rodney Thompson and Judy Tumosa

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

1. Review of Minutes:

Jim Horgan motioned to accept the May minutes as written, 2nd Laura Beard. Motion carried with Neil Johnson and Scott Kobbe abstaining.

2. NH Fish and Game Watershed Education Specialist Judy Tumosa:

Judy Tumosa from NH Fish and Game explained that she is the watershed education specialist for NH Fish and Game. Through her program they work to educate children on what a watershed is, how to maintain it, why it is important, how to study and test water quality and the health of waters for fish and wildlife. The program is available for all schools that are interested and there is training and curriculum available. There is no cost for the program because it is federally funded through a grant. Laura will connect Judy with Mr. Chamberlain of the high school. Dave asked if they do other educational programs/talks and Judy said yes, they do bobcat and bear talks and are working on fish now.

Jim Horgan motioned for a short recess, 2nd Laura Beard. Motion carried with all in favor.

Meeting reconvened.

3. Preamble Report and Plan:

Rodney Thompson informed the Commission that he was informed there is a witness monument (secondary monument) for the five corners. The perambulation date was rescheduled for July 11th at 7am with everyone to meet at Jim's house.

4. Community Garden Update:

Jim explained that he still needs to get with Dale Sprague to get the water ready for the garden and the town crew is working to get it ready also.

5. Hay Day Update:

Art previously told Dave that he has the application for the fur and skull kit and Laura added that she has secured some bug boxes as well. Dave added that the Commission has three spots, so three canopies and six tables will be needed and Scott said he could take care of the tables and canopies. Dave will look into getting balloons with the Commission's logo on it.

6. Old Business:

A. Dubois Management – Dave reported that the reclamation of the logging landing is complete, the gate is installed and the lock situation is being taken care of over the next few days. While they were up there installing the gate they found an old buried 8” culvert that was clogged and crushed, right after the entrance. It was suggested that the Commission does not need to act immediately but something needs to be done because they feel this might have caused the reclaimed erosion. BH Keith recommends a 12” wide 20’ long plastic culvert be installed but Dave is going to see if the DPW can look into it and do the work. When the culvert is replaced a permit needs to be applied for.

BH Keith provided a map of the skid trails on the Dubois and French properties. Jim stated that Rodney Thompson offered to walk the properties with him and teach him how to GPS. During this walk they will work on marking a trail from the entrance to the landing. BH Keith also provided plans for the hiking trails and kiosks as requested by the Commission. Total cost of development of the trails is between \$6-\$8,000. To build and install the kiosks it would be \$500 to \$2500.

Jim Horgan motioned for a short recess, 2nd Laura Beard. Motion carried with all in favor.

The meeting reconvened at 7:36pm.

B. Town Forest Survey – Dave informed the Commission that he asked legal to draft up an easement for the town forest but Laura Spector found some issues. R61-21 and R61-23 prohibit motorized vehicles on the property and prohibits the town from granting a third party easement which means an easement for Mr. Lawrence would not be permitted. Randy Tetreault noted that the Lawrence's should have prescribed access because it is their only access. Dave then stated that he would hope that “no wheeled vehicles” would be linked to responsible logging but it may be an issue.

It was discussed that an Easement Agreement would be the appropriate way to go for the woods road and Mr. Lawrence. Randy stated he does not feel Laura Spector is the right person for this job and has missed the intent of “no motorized vehicles.” The Commission agreed and Richard stated Moose Mountain might be a good resource for this type of agreement. *Jim Horgan motioned to authorize Dave to contact Moose Mountain Greenways for their assistance with*

the Easement Agreement and discontinue contact with Laura Spector, 2nd Neil Johnson. Motion carried with all in favor.

C. Dave reported that the vehicle has been identified that dumped the microwave and such and law enforcement is taking care of the matter today. The investment in cameras is paying off.

7. Invoices:

A. There is an invoice from BH Keith for May for \$390. *Jim Horgan motioned to pay the \$390 to BH Keith, 2nd Neil Johnson. Motion carried with all in favor.*

B. An invoice for the kiosks plans was set by BH Keith for \$12. *Neil Johnson motioned to pay the \$12 to BH Keith, 2nd Jim Horgan. Motion carried with all in favor.*

C. *Neil Johnson motioned to pay the \$350 invoice for BH Keith, 2nd Jim Horgan. Motion carried with all in favor.*

D. *Neil Johnson motioned to pay the \$2200 invoice for JS Yurrick Landscaping for the gate, 2nd Jim Horgan. Motion carried with all in favor.*

E. *Randy Orvis motioned to pay the \$2500 invoice for JS Yurrick Landscaping for the lime and such, 2nd Neil Johnson. Motion carried with all in favor.*

8. FYI:

Randy reviewed the Intent to Cuts with the Commission.

At 8:14pm, Randy Orvis motioned to adjourn, 2nd Laura Beard. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Sanger

Recording Secretary

Chairman, David Connolly