

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 10, 2013
356 Main Street, Farmington, NH**

Committee Members Present: Dave Connolly, Scott Kobbe, Tyler Smith, Randy Orvis, Art LeClair, Josh Carlsen and Sarah Cantwell

Committee Members Excused: Richard Ballou

Selectmen's Representative: Jim Horgan

Public Present: Rodney Thompson and Sargeant Scott Ferguson

At 6:30pm, Chairman Dave Connolly opened the meeting and recognized the newest member Joshua Carlson.

1. Swearing in of Members:

Jim swore in Sarah Cantwell, Tyler Smith and Randy Orvis as members of the Commission.

2. Public Comment:

Jim informed the members and public that the library will be holding an open house and celebration on April 20, 2013.

3. Review of Minutes:

Jim Horgan motioned to accept the March 20, 2013 minutes as amended, 2nd Dave Connolly. Motion carried with all Randy Orvis, Art LeClair and Josh Carlsen abstaining.

4. Field Trip #3 with Rodney Thompson:

Dave reminded the members that Rodney Thompson is helping the Commission locate the boundary markers of the town to prepare for a perambulation. Rodney explained that the next trek is fairly easy and simple because the markers are located close to the roads. The trip was scheduled for Sunday, April 28, 2013 at 4:30pm with everyone meeting at Honey Dew Donuts.

5. Old Business:

A. Energy Resources Group – Dave reported that a site walk of ERG was completed today and that they have not provided the Commission with the letter of intent as they promised. Dave stated that he made an appointment with Mr. Weatherly for today's visit but no one was present and all the doors were locked. During the visit they noted that easement boundary markers were installed, the cement blocks were not removed, the tire ruts are still present and in fact there are new tire ruts. Art asked if Dave can schedule Laurie Summer come to a future meeting to discuss easements in general

B. Karner Blue Butterfly and Cottontail Workshop – Dave reported that the workshop was very successful with 49 people in attendance.

C. Sheepboro Road Trash – Dave informed the members that he has still not heard anything further from Rochester. Art noted that the trash has been removed and reminded the members that cameras need to be placed at the Blue Job Mountain back entrance .

D. Clean Up Day – Dave reminded the members that the Community Clean Up day is scheduled for April 20, 2013 starting at 8am at the Old Town Hall. The plan is to clean up the downtown area including Coheco Road, downtown Main Street, Chestnut Hill Road, Spring St., Tappan St., Governors Road and Central Street. Dave asked if the members would be interested in purchasing vests for use in donations cannot be obtained. *Jim Horgan motioned to authorize an expenditure of up to \$100 for vests, 2nd Art LeClair. Motion carried with all in favor.*

E. Arbor Day – Jim reported that he is still working with the school personnel at Valley View Community School to identify a location for the two trees. Dave added that the planting is scheduled for when the kids are not in school at this time but he is working with the principal to possibility move the date so the entire student body can be present.

F. Barry 4H Camp – Scott reminded the members that last month the Commission received a request to donate money towards the scholarship fund for Barry 4H camp. He did some further research on the camp and would like the Commission to identify a student in town to send to this camp with the help of the guidance counselors at the schools. Jim asked what the Commission's responsibility would be and Scott replied that the Commission would just be the financial sponsor. Tyler stated it would be a good idea for interested candidates to write an essay and present it to their guidance counselor and/or the Commission. The members decided the guidance counselors would identify the students, collect their essays and then the Commission will review the essays at the May meeting. Dave commented that he feels this type of expenditure would fall under the Natural Resource line of the budget. *Art LeClair motioned to commit up to \$485 towards a Barry 4H camp sponsorship for a Farmington student to attend and allow Scott Kobbe to follow up with the guidance counselors on potential candidates, 2nd Jim Horgan. Motion carried with all in favor.*

G. Snowmobile Maps – Dave reported that Rodney Thompson was able to go ride the snowmobile trails with Carl Peaslee and gps the trails. The information was presented and it appears the work was acceptable and many thanks went out to both gentlemen for their work.

H. Lawrence Appraisal – Dave informed the members that according to the town purchasing policy a RFP for the surveying of the Lawrence property needs to be posted on the town website at a minimum. *Jim Horgan motioned to post the RFP for surveying of the Lawrence property, 2nd Art LeClair. Motion carried with all in favor.*

6. New Business:

A. Facebook – Dave stated that it has been mentioned several times that it would be a great idea to make a Conservation Commission facebook page. The members were in agreement and Josh agreed to set it up. This site can be utilized to publicize events and meetings. *Jim Horgan motioned to set up a Facebook page for the Commission and have Josh be the person in charge of it, 2nd Dave Connolly. Motion carried with all in favor.*

7. Other Business To Come Before the Board:

Jim Horgan motioned to nominate Dave Connolly as Chairman, 2nd Art LeClair. Motion carried with all in favor.

Dave Connolly motioned to nominate Randy Orvis as Vice-Chairman, 2nd Jim Horgan. Motion carried with all in favor.

Jim Horgan motioned to nominate Art LeClair as secretary, 2nd Dave Connolly. Motion carried with all in favor.

At 7:33pm, Jim Horgan motioned for a short recess, 2nd Dave Connolly. Motion carried with all in favor.

At 7:43pm the Commission reconvened.

Dave Connolly motioned to go in non-public session under RSA 91A:3II(a), 2nd Jim Horgan. Roll Call – Jim Horgan (yes), Dave Connolly (yes), Randy Orvis (yes), Art LeClair (yes), Scott Kobbe (yes) and Josh Carlsen (yes).

At 8:37pm the Commission reconvened in public session.

Dave Connolly motioned to expend up to \$3000 for a potential Huppe conservation project in town, 2nd Art LeClair. Motion carried with Randy Orvis abstaining because he works with the family.

At 8:40pm, Jim Horgan motioned to adjourn, 2nd Randy Orvis. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandy Sanger

Recording Secretary

Chairman, David Connolly