

FARMINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
5-14-14 MINUTES

Members Present: Dave Connolly, Randy Orvis, Richard Ballou, Glen Demers

Members Excused: Laura Borgardus

Selectman's Rep. Present: Matt Scruton

Public Present: Rod Thompson, Jim Horgan, Joel & Vicki Plante, Jodi, Clara & Kathryn Moore, Sarah Cantwell, Scott Kobbe, Randy Tetreault (Norway Plains), Eric Chamberlain, Tananchanit Manomaiphan (FHS Student)

Call To Order w/ Pledge of Allegiance: 6:33pm

Public Comment: None

Camper Sponsorship Presentation: Henry Wilson student Kathryn Moore read an essay on what going to summer camp meant to her. After a brief reading; Dave C motioned for the Commission to sponsor Kathryn to summer camp seeing she was the only applicant. Second: Matt S. Motion passed with all in favor.

Dave then went on to explain that this camp; Copper Cannon of Franconia; does not charge for attendance but operate through donations and seeing that the Commission was willing to send up to two (2) to camp at an expected cost of \$485 each, motioned for the Commission to donate \$500 to Copper Cannon Camp. Second: Randy O. Motion passed with all in favor.

Norway Plains Associates (Randy Tetreault): Randy T presented for comment and review, plans that needed a Special Use Permit. This is for a project from Eben Dorr, property on Ten Rod Road, Tax Map #R38-2 & R29-14. After a brief presentation; Randy O stated that he would rather see a berm versus a silt fence for sediment and erosion control. It was agreed that Dave C would send a memo to the Farmington Planning Board stating such including and that Best Management Practices be used. Randy T then briefly presented a survey of the Lawrence property and the rest of the Town Forest, a project that has been ongoing for some time. Dave C suggested that the Commission take a look at the plans and reconvene with Randy T at the June monthly meeting.

Arbor Day: Dave C gave a report on the donation of the Balsam Fir to the Town that was done on 4-25-14.

Clean Up: Dave C mentioned that the original clean up date was rescheduled to 5-25-14. Volunteers needed and pick up trucks to help pick up collected items to bring to Transfer Station.

Huppe Update: Randy O stated that field work was done and he was working on a slight boundary issue.

Thompson Update: Dave C read a thank you letter from the Thompsons. Rod T mentioned that on May 31, there will be a meeting and presentation by MMRG at the New Durham Community Hall at 1 pm with a property walk to follow. (Pre-registration is needed for the walk).

Hay Day 2014: Dave C presented the booth space application for the Commission to participate in this year's Hay Day. As in the past, he suggested that three (3) spaces would be sufficient for the expected guests and presentations. Matt S motioned to expend \$90 for space rental, Second: Randy O. Motioned passed.

Kiosks: Dave C gave update on kiosks. They are stained and painted. Waiting for glass fronts and placement by DPW.

French Property: Dave reported that he had met with Dale Sprague (FDPW) and Keith T (Town Administrator) to go over the construction of the parking area at the French property. Dave C also mentioned the possibility of a gate at one end of parking area to allow easier access for future activities on the property. This subject went under advisement and will be brought up at a latter date. Randy O explained that he wanted to go to the property and walk out the proposed trail with survey stakes to be placed every one hundred (100) feet and that the stakes would cost approximately \$50 for four (4) bundles. Dave C motioned for Randy O to expend \$50 for stakes. Second Richard B. Motion passed.

Those interested in helping stake out trail are to meet at the parking area on Hornetown Rd Sunday 5-18 at 8:30am.

Any Other Old Business: Dave C apologized that he failed to list the Review of April Minutes earlier in the agenda and asked the Commission to review and comment at this time. Rich B motioned to accept as amended, Randy O second. Motion passed with one (1) abstained: Matt S.

New Business: Dave C read the Annual Inspection Reports from NH F&G for the Dubois and French properties.

Dave C notified the Commission that they will be meeting with state and local officials at the June meeting to discuss the illegal use of motorized vehicles on Little Blue Job.

Dave C reported that MMRG was looking for a venue to present a public forum, Invasive Plants on July 10, 2014. Randy O motioned for the Commission to host this event. Richard B second. Motion passed.

FYI: Randy O reported five (5) Intentions to Cuts.

Dave C reported that a suspect in a mattress dumping last fall was arrested on a warrant earlier this month.

Upcoming Dates: Clean Up 5-14-14. June meeting 6-11-14.

Matt S motioned to adjourn, Richard B second. Motion passed at 8:30pm.

Recorded by Dave Connolly Chairman