

Town of Frankestown Conservation Commission

PROPOSED MINUTES

February 1, 2010

A regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was held in the Town Offices on Monday, February 1, 2010 and called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Conservation Commission members in attendance: Carbee, Hardwick, Holmes, Lindgren, Shuffleton. Secretary Lindgren took the minutes.

The minutes for the January 4, 2009 meeting were accepted as proposed.

Old Business

1. The Frankestown Land Trust asked if the Conservation Commission would support the town taking on an executory interest in a proposed conservation easement on 5.9 acres of pasture land on the Neilley property. Lindgren made a motion to ask the Selectmen to allow the town to accept an executory interest on the proposed easement. Carbee seconded the motion. All in favor.
2. The Waste Disposal Commission members Scott Carbee, Becky Moul and Sara Cox asked if the Conservation Commission would support a Warrant Article regarding Household Hazardous Waste Day. The Conservation Commission used to be the driving force behind this event, and did publicity and mailings to the town, and volunteered to do the interface with residents on the Day. Over time, the Solid Waste Commission took on the responsibility for running it, and sharing the costs with other towns by combining theirs with ours. The past two years the costs have risen to \$5000, and the Selectmen have suggested holding it every other year. However, last year there was a poor turnout, due perhaps to insufficient notice and publicity, and the Waste Commission would like to hold it again this year because of concern that people will get rid of it in other ways, if they have a backlog of uncollected waste from last year. Lindgren made a motion to support the Waste Disposal Commission's warrant article. Carbee seconded the motion. All in favor.
3. A purchase and sales agreement has been drafted for the Chase project. The Selectmen have agreed to sign it. The next step is to have it surveyed and then appraised, so that it could possibly go to the Planning Board in May. Lindgren made a motion to accept Mike Dahlberg's quote of \$6500-7500 for the surveying, and to authorize payment of a \$3000 deposit to come from the Conservation Fund once the Purchase and Sales Agreement is signed. Holmes seconded the motion. All in favor. Lindgren also made a motion to accept Scot Heath's quote of \$2200 to do an appraisal of the Chase project, to come from the Conservation Fund. Holmes seconded the motion. All in favor. Lindgren also made a motion to hire Ben Haubrich to do a baseline documentation for the Chase property, not to exceed \$700, to come from the Conservation Fund, once the survey is done. Holmes seconded the motion. All in favor.
4. The status of various other easement projects and protection opportunities was discussed
5. Crooker moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Shuffleton seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Lindgren, Secretary