Meeting Minutes: 1/14/16 Final

Present: Shawn Hanson, Glenn Schrempf, Dale Ohsberg, Kay Graham, Paul Melanson

Absent: Nancy Roka (Vice Chair), Robert Wiener Guest: Mary Ann Hill

Opened meeting at 6:32p.m.

S. Hanson made G. Schrempf a voting member of the commission due to the absence of 2 members.

New Business:

The commission reviewed the completed Forest Management Plan completed by FORECO Inc. No one had corrections or comments. The Plan is complete and can be modified or added to in the future. A copy of this plan is kept in the file cabinet in the back room of the Town Hall.

The commission welcomed Mary Ann Hill who has submitted an application to be a member of the Conservation Commission. S. Hanson reviewed all the different activities the Commission is involved in and welcomed Mary Ann to provide input and ideas to the Commission. The commission reviewed her application and have decided to forward application to the selectmen for consideration for appointment to the Conservation commission as a full member.

Motion: To forward Mary Ann Hill's volunteer application for consideration of appointment to the Conservation Commission by the Board of Selectmen. S. Hanson 1st. D. Ohsberg 2nd. All in favor

The commission briefly reviewed the new plans submitted by Avesta for an Elderly housing complex on Brown Rd. The commission is encouraged to see changes were made to provide continuous flow and continuity of the 3 vernal pools found on the property.

The commission has decided to start discussing long range Goals and Planning at its February meeting. S. Hanson and P. Melanson will work on talking points before the next meeting.

Old Business:

Reviewed meeting minutes from October 8th and November 19th.

Motion to accept the October 8th meeting minutes as amended: D. Ohsberg 1st K. Graham 2nd all in favor.

Motion to accept the November 19th meeting minutes as amended: D. Ohsberg 1st P. Melanson 2nd all in favor.

The Trail Head kiosk Eagle Scout project is still in the planning stages; S. Hanson will be signing paperwork later this month for Josh Hemond to present to the Eagle Scout Board.

S. Hanson called the resident at 18 Marsh Ln explain the content of the letter the commission sent her (which she failed to pick up). S. Hanson asked that she not lock the gate at the end of her driveway as it blocks access to the right-of-way the town owns to access the Marsh Ln property. The resident at 18 Marsh Lane said OK. S. Hanson will send the letter regular US mail in the month of January.

Other:

G. Schrempf made a suggestion the commission look into what it would take to place a wooden structure across the wetland area that separates the Raspberry farm forest area from area 2B (from the forest management plan map) so that in the future it might be possible to gain access to that area of the forest. K. Graham mentioned that the Kingston Town Forest has several wooden structures that are well built and could provide an example of what could be constructed.

P. Melanson informed the commission of two training sessions that will be offered in January, one is "how to lead a nature walk" and the other is "wildlife tracking" he will send email to the group with dates and location.

S. Hanson plans to submit a letter of request for the use of Rockingham County Department of corrections resources for the use of road side clean up, trail maintenance and general field clearing for improvements at the Raspberry farm property.

motion: to adjourn S. Hanson 1st P. Melanson 2nd all in favor.

Meeting adjourned 8:07pm

Next meeting: February 11th 2016

Meeting minutes submitted by S. Hanson

Hampton Falls Conservation Commission

