

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
March 13, 2013 6:00 PM @ Trumbull Hall
March 27, 2013 @ 5:00 PM @ Town Hall

In attendance:

Members: Ed Chamberlain (Chair), Michael Mayor (Planning Board Liaison), Doug McIlroy

Alternates: Jim Kennedy, John Trummel

Staff: Vicki Smith

Others: See Attendance Sheet

1. CURRENT BUSINESS

Dana/Pasture Rd Division of Ownership—The Hanover Selectboard will meet on April 1, 2013 to discuss the Dana/Pasture Rd division between the town of Hanover and the Robes brothers. The CC discussed a draft recommendation which will be finalized and presented to the Selectboard prior to this meeting. The draft letter was read by E. Chamberlain and the committee made several recommendations which were incorporated into the draft. However, due to time constraints (7 pm public meeting to discuss management of the Hayes farm property) as well as a lack of an accurate site map, the discussion and draft could not be completed in the allotted time. The meeting was adjourned to 5pm, March 22 at Town Hall. No further CC business was discussed at this time.

Continuation of prior Tracy Hall meeting (5 pm at Town Hall March 27, 2013)

In attendance:

Members: Ed Chamberlain (Chair), Doug McIlroy (via video conference)

Alternates: Jim Kennedy, John Trummel

Staff: Vicki Smith

Others: See Attendance Sheet

2. CURRENT BUSINESS (continued)

Due to various conflicts, the original continuation meeting date for March 22 had to be rescheduled to 5 pm at Town Hall March 27, 2013.

This is a continuation of the discussion of the Dana/Pasture Rd division of ownership. Chamberlain, McIlroy, and Kennedy expressed opposition to land division and felt that the CC should emphasize the option of the town of Hanover purchasing the land from the Robes brothers. Discussion ensued of this possibility and whether we should suggest any other options. Bill Baschnagel opposed any recommendation to even bring up division of the property. Smith pointed out that the Selectboard was interested in the CC opinion on division if it should come to that. Trummel felt we should at least make some secondary recommendation on where we would prefer the division if one became inevitable. It was decided to primarily emphasize the desire to keep the property whole and try to buy the Robes' interest. If this was not possible, a brief recommendation on property division would be made.

A map of the property was noted to still be inaccurate but it was felt that this was not important to our recommendation.

A motion was made by Kennedy and seconded by Trummel to convene a subcommittee comprised of Chamberlain, McIlroy, and Kennedy on Friday, March 29 at 11 am at McIlroy's residence to finalize the wording of the recommendation.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Biodiversity Committee : Barbara McIlroy had several issues to discuss. First, the biodiversity committee (BC) would like to promote education on garlic mustard and promote a regional approach to control this invasive by involving CC's from other towns. The BC would like the CC to sign off on 3 letters about garlic mustard (one to neighborhood leaders, another to local schools and a third which would be a handout for the general public). Chamberlain would like both the CC and BC to be named on garlic mustard educational poster. In addition, Saucier and Chamberlain will sign a letter to Bill Anderson at Dartmouth College addressing college invasive plant policy. Finally, bedded shrubs at the sewer plant need to be moved to town properties and help is needed on deciding where to put them—this will be added to the April agenda.

Chamberlain motioned to adjourn the meeting to 11 am at the McIlroy residence, seconded by Kennedy and unanimously approved.

4. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Trummel, alternate commissioner