

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
August 14, 2013 at 5:00 PM
TOWN HALL, 41 SOUTH MAIN STREET

In attendance:

Members: Ruth Bleyler, Ed Chamberlain (Chair), Michael Mayor (Planning Board Liaison), Doug McIlroy, Peter Christie(Selectmen's Representative),

Alternates: none attending

Staff: none attending

Others: Ashley Romeo-Boles from Schuster, Buttrey and Wing, PA

1. CURRENT BUSINESS Meeting opened at 5:10P, lacking a quorum.

Tick Workshop September 11, 2013 Scheduled for the Mayer Room of the Howe Library to set a process for tick control via understanding of life cycles absent consideration of disease transmission. Panel discussion format with Jim Kennedy and others (3). Meeting scheduled for 6:30 PM. Valley News notice planned.

2. RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

Manegold Conservation Easement

Ms Romeo-Boles from Schuster Buttrey and Wing, representing Rob and Carol Manegold, present: Reference made to the CC Minutes of 10 April, 2013. Romeo-Boles made note of client's wait time to the present. Brief reference made to marker issues on the site. Chair notes that there are basic issues to be addressed that will require input from staff, and in Vicki's absence such may be problematic. Chair requests that discussion should be deferred till September meeting with such to be communicated to Schuster, et al. House straddles the conservation easement boundary and the encroachment may be at issue due to increases in the accuracy of the mapping processes. Viewshed issues regarding the effect of house footprint and height are not addressed in the easement document, so the Commission is reluctant to proceed unless full representation is available. Representative Romeo-Boles departs at 5:35P.

Water Resource Buffers in Hanover Zoning Ordinance

In John Trummel's absence, chair is reluctant to pursue this issue. It is tabled till some future meeting. McIlroy requests consideration of the 25 foot inner buffer and its appropriateness and utility. Should it be eliminated in favor of clearer constraints? This issue may need Planning Board consideration.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Bylaw Changes

Draft of changes made by subcommittee brought forward. Christie notes that wording for alternate members is ambiguous regarding the number (three or more, currently).

Possible intent was “up to three” rather than “three or more”. Planning Board representative shall be a member. (One member of the CC shall be a member of the Planning Board) One member of the CC shall be a member of the Selectboard. One member shall be a member of the Planning Board, and one member shall be a member of the Select Board. The Commission shall have no fewer than five nor more than seven members.

II. Full membership is being accorded to Select Board representative. Therefore the dynamic is being changed by one member, so quorum no.s and majority no.s change, as a result. Therefore, shift the numbers up to four and eight, if allowed by the RSA.

IV. 3: stop item following unable to attend. Strike “member misses et seq.

Then, under III. Officers. A. 4. In the event of a member missing three or more meetings, the Chair shall discuss the member’s continuing interest in membership.

5: per now numbered 4.

IV. 6. To 7. Eliminate Members shall.

Re Meetings: Vi. B. 3: to read.move sentence from II. Alternate members will receive all mailings, etc.

Quorum: “a majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum”

P.4 para last: needs to read: If a member is absent, , etc., the Chair shall appoint alternate members to constitute a quorum as necessary to conduct the business of the Commission.

Vi. G. Strike “The vote of the chair...”

Ruth Bleyler excuses herself as one no longer a resident of the Town of Hanover. Departs at 5:55P.

VI:H, 1) see copy

Appendix I: and II are boiler plate. Stand as written.

V. J. 2. Water Resources Committee: McIlroy points out that demand may exceed the supply for officers from active membership. The Chair will explore the issue “The Commission may have the following Committees,” and consider the appropriateness of the Water Resources Committee. Possibly establish an “ad hoc” status of same committees.

This Ad Hoc Committee will reconvene after Open Space Meeting in September.

VII. funding requests and expenditures instead of requirements, in both. Timing at issue, may need to formulate requests so formulate the annual report for inclusion by x date: to be presented during the annual processes per routing.

VII. Expenses and Funds: New first bullet: The Commission will present a budget request by Jan. 1. Committees make funding requests during the November meeting.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Biodiversity Committee: Rinker-Steele Tract and Hayes Farm cleanup was done by summer camper volunteers removing invasives.

Open Space Committee: Bylaws discussion ensued.

Trails Committee: Trails work has occurred. Balch Hill Fire Trail improvements have been made. This was done with collaborators to minimize turf issues.

5. MINUTES: The minutes of July 10, 2013 due to a lack of quorum not approved .

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Mayor, Scribe