

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

April 8, 2010

7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Mike Decubellis, Andy Roeper, Pauline Ball, and Sharon Slater

NEW BUSINESS:

Forest Management Plan

Andy Roeper made a suggestion that the ConCom consider developing a forest management plan for the town's conservation properties and to think about a timber cut on Putnam Pond conservation land which would help improve wildlife habitat on that property. He also acknowledged that the Curtiss Dogwood Park has not been reviewed in a number of years and trails should be opened and cleared.

The Commission agreed that a forest management plan may be a good project to discuss with Amber and Joe at Preserve Land Works. M. Decubellis agreed to contact them and invite them to a meeting.

Conservation Fund

M. Decubellis explained that the Lyndeborough Trails Group has applied for a grant to assist in the repair of the Highbridge Road bridge project. The amount of the grant is about \$30,000-\$50,000 and must be matched with cash and/or labor.

The Group has suggested that any donations that they receive should be tax deductible. Although the LTA is a registered corporation it is not allowed to collect tax deductible funds; therefore they have asked if the Conservation Commission if it would collect donations on its behalf so that they could be tax deductible to the donors. M. Decubellis reviewed the RSA's and contributions to the Commission are tax deductible and this project, the repair of the bridge is an allowable Conservation Fund expense. All Commission members unanimously voted to approve accepting funds for this purpose and to allow an equal amount to be sent to the LTA once fundraising is complete.

NHDES forestry notifications

John & Ruth Grover; Pettingill Hill Rd.; Lot 231-1; access through Pettingill Hill Rd. property

Van Ham; French Rd.; Lot 208-5; permission to cross brook (not initially filed)

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Esther Johnson; Cram Hill Rd.; Lot 220-28; logging in wetlands

Intent to Cut notices

Mazzarol; Lot 227-29; thirty three acres to be logged by Granite State Forestry

Thome; Pettingill Hill Rd.; Lot 231-15; logging 25,000 board feet of white pine

Geise; Crooked S Rd.; twenty plus acres to be logged by Hardwick

OLD BUSINESS:

M. Decubellis received a thank you from the Society for the Protection of NH Forests for the ConCom's \$3000 contribution in support of the conservation easement that was placed on the Hunter's Cot lot.

French Rd. violations

M. Decubellis said that the Buxton's of New England Forest Products and the Selectmen have met concerning the DES violations that occurred during a logging operation off of French Road. Town Administrator Jim Bingham will be discussing the issues with NHDES to see what needs to be done to correct the damage. The road has been temporary closed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As of March 31, 2010 \$41, 282.70

Statement shows that a \$3000 donation was sent to the Society for the Protection of NH Forests

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13th at 7:30 p.m. in Center Hall rather than Citizens Hall.

Pauline Ball