

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

May 10, 2012

7:30 p.m.

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

Guests: Michael Hasty and Jessie Salisbury

The Commission did not hold a meeting in March because of inactivity or a meeting in April because of illness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chair Mike Decubellis introduced Michael Hasty who was present at this meeting to see if the Conservation Commission was a group that he may be interested in joining.

He explained that presently, the commission has five full members and it has two Alternate positions open.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jessie Salisbury said that she would like to discussion the following items:

- (1) ROST (Regional Open Space Team)..... a group consisting of members from conservation commissions, Souhegan River towns as well as Hollis and Brookline. No officers, informal meetings each month held in the Milford Selectmen's office to talk about conservation issues, state programs, etc. Brookline and Milford sponsor monthly walks (trail walk was taken in Lyndeborough's Lower Falls recently.)**
- (2) SVLT (Souhegan Valley Land Trust).....they are looking for a director to represent the Town of Lyndeborough. Presently no regular meetings have been scheduled because of inactivity but an annual meeting is required. Dues are paid and a bank account is maintained in readiness for a prospective project.**
- (3) ADA requirements for trails.....develop a policy that would make trails available to the disabled and their specialized equipment. A sample policy can address the type of vehicle to be used, i.e. vehicle described can not be any wider, longer or heavier that stated in the policy; it cannot disturb the ecology of the area.**

Mike Hasty asked if this requirement would be for every trail or just specific trails that would be compatible with motorized vehicles. Ms. Salisbury thought it would be town wide policy. M. Decubellis said that isn't a lot of public land and most trails

are on private property with restrictions on motorized vehicles; snowmobiles an exception.

The Commission briefly discussed the beaver problem near Robert & Donna Graves property which came to the attention of the BOS recently. It has been recommended that the beavers should not be removed from the pond location because they continue to maintain the dam which holds back a large quantity of water. It was also the recommendation of the road agent that an earthen dam be built near the creek to protect the residence if there is another flood event.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As of May 7, 2012 the total balance of the ConCom account is \$47,494.73 which includes \$7593.17 from the Commission's share of the Land Use Change tax amounts from acreage on two properties taken out of Current Use. A \$5000 donation to the Lyndeborough Trails Association for the reconstruction of the bridge on Highbridge Road was deducted from the account.

MINUTES:

No minutes were reviewed.

Michael Hasty said that the session was interesting and would attend the next meeting in June.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2012 in Citizens Hall.

Pauline Ball