

Conservation Commission Minutes

September 8 , 2016

In Attendance: Sharon Akers, Kurt Berna, Greg Kreider, Kris Henry, Theresa Berna

Absent: Mike Decubellis

Con Com Balance as of July 31, 2016 is \$41,120.23. There were some additional contributions from the Yoga classes.

Meeting minutes from August 11, 2016 – approved

Purgatory Falls Trails:

- Signs came in and look good.
- We now need someone to hang the signs.
- Motion made by Greg to allot funds from the Con Com account to purchase supplies needed to hang the signs. Motions seconded by Sharon. All in favor.

Declassify Scout Road:

- Need to determine the immediate abutters to Scout Road to see who to contact to declassify Scout Road.
- What is needed to declassify a road:
 - 1. Class A trail – provide vehicular access to abutters and no one else.
 - 2. Class B trail – prohibits vehicular access to everyone, including abutters
 - 3. Discontinue – meaning that it will no longer be a town road.
- Motion made by Sharon to make a warrant article if in fact that is needed in order to bring this to town meeting. Seconded by Greg. All in favor.

Woodmont Orchard:

- Donations made to SVLC. They will be talking to owner to see if the intentions are the same and if they are, donated funds will be returned.

Guiding Principles:

- Can we make a long range plan for creating a trail network through town? Can this be an incentive for people to visit Lyndeborough? We could sell maps of the trails at the Lyndeborough Village Store.
- Should we also make recreation opportunities for people part of our purpose?
 - Snowmobile club should be generating the GPS tracks for NHPRC.
- Perhaps creating a long range goal and determine how we are going to get there.
- Part of the town plan was open space and recreation. Creating recreational spaces such as trails for horses, bikers, runners, for the citizens.
- To move forward with developing some guiding principles for the conservation commission, the next meeting will be dedicated to establish them.
- Greg has asked for the guiding principles from Milford and has requested from surrounding towns for reference.

- We will block off a specified amount of time to discuss the guiding principles.

Wetlands meeting for the Selectman:

- They would like us to designate prime wetlands.
- Kurt and Sharon will be going to the meeting – on September 28th at 6pm (Wednesday).
- This was called for in the Master plan.
- Designating prime wetlands puts in an extra layer of protection for those areas. This is a legal process.
- Water ways are indicated in the NRI.
- Research the pro's and con's of increasing the buffer versus declaring prime wetlands.

Mapping trails and area:

- NRPC – Greg will ask them to come to the next meeting to update maps.

Baldwin Road Property:

- Is this still attractive for us to conserve?
- Sharon met with Tom Jones from the PLC and the owner to discuss the cost to fund the easement.
- The PLC would need around \$20,000 if the easement was donated to them. Lyndeborough would need about \$12,000 since our process is less formal but may not provide the same amount of protection.
- The owner wants to keep the land open for public access.

Funds:

- The current bank statement needs to be printed so no balance this month.
- \$65 will be donated from Sharon's yoga classes.

Rose Mountain:

- Kris went to the meeting for the planning of Rose Mtn.
- The idea of a controlled burn for blueberries was restated at the meeting, and clearing 20 +acres.
- Kris stated his opposition for the reasons of the beauty of the trails, soil erosion, etc. He suggested that Kurt and Theresa attend the next meeting.

Putnam Pond:

- There is no trash can at the Putnam Pond parking area.
- Mark Stevens from DES requested additional specifications on the project such as measurements from the water and so forth (as read in the Selectman's meetings).

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm