

Lyndeborough Conservation Commission Minutes

October 11, 2018

In Attendance: Sharon Akers, Lucius Sorrentino, Theresa Berna, Greg Kreider, Kurt Berna

Absent: Kris Henry, Mike Decubellis

Balance as of Sept 30,2018: 6,647.50

Meeting minutes from Aug 9, 2018 & Sept 13, 2018 approved

Mail: No mail

Past Business:

- Wording of Warrant Articles:

Warrant Article #1 – increasing land use change tax from 50% to 100%

The text of this article as used in Amherst is being edited by town staff for presentation to the Board of Selectmen to be included at town meeting. We voted to

Adopt the text from the Amherst Conservation Commission to be pursuant to any necessary changes per town staff.

This is the wording from Amherst:

“Shall the Town vote, pursuant to RSA 79-A: 25, II, to change the amount of revenues of all future payments collected pursuant to RSA 79-A, Current Use Taxation, to be deposited into the existing Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III from 50%, which is the current level, to 100%. If adopted this article shall take effect on April 1, 2018 and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future town meeting. (Majority vote)”

Vote: All in favor

Warrant Article 2– Place Town Forest under easement with 3rd party

We looked over the wording of the Milford Conservation Commission for their warrant article to conserve the Hitchner town forest and voted to edit some words as necessary and then submit this text also pursuant to any necessary changes per town staff.

“WARRANT ARTICLE ## – LYNDEBOROUGH TOWN FOREST CONSERVATION EASEMENT –Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer or convey such property rights in the below described parcel of town owned land as may be necessary so that the same shall be subject to a conservation easement, in perpetuity, the particular terms of the easement to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, with the concurrence of the Conservation Commission, said authorization to include the authority to execute any and all deeds, documents or other instruments in the name of the Town that may be necessary to accomplish the foregoing? It is understood that the intent of this article is to cause the conservation easement to be held by a “qualified organization,” as defined in section 170(h)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, existing for the purchase of or holding of property interests or facilitating transactions relative thereto when such purchase carries out the purpose of RSA

36-A, said organization as determined by the Board of Selectmen with the concurrence of the Conservation Commission. The property to which this authorization, if approved, will apply is land known as Map 216-4-00, which property is commonly known as the Lyndeborough Town Forest.

Vote: all in favor

- Presentation by Amanda Stone at previous meeting

Greg presented conservation priority maps from the presentation for those who had not attended. We voted on reimbursing him for the cost of laminating the maps for possible use in interactions with the public at town meetings etc. Greg also proposed that he pen a letter (based on letters presented in the regional meetings where he represents us) to land owners within the priority areas offering information about conservation and wildlife and including some of the pamphlets provided by Ms. Stone.

Vote: All in favor

Other Business

- Town Forest Cleanup:

Greg and Sharon did a site walk with Matt Fish (Curtis farm) and the PLC (Piscataquog Land Conservancy) to discuss removing the debris from the old cabin remaining on the town forest (on Rose Mountain.) Matt will provide an estimate to get equipment on the site and remove the debris. The PLC suggested that the debris be removed before they take on the easement to lower cost and complexity.

Next meeting priorities

- town-wide clean up and cooperation with Wilton in wider clean-up efforts
- Additional Fund raising ideas
- Town meeting activities involving the new maps

Note- No meeting in November unless we call as special meeting

Adjourned: 8:10