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MILLBURY TOWN CLERK

Minutes of Meeting Oct. 29, 2015 Town Hall

Call to order of open meeting 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Chair -Terry Burke Dotson, Asst. Chair-Ken Schold
Secretary Marie Cafferty, and Bruce Hjort.

Minutes of Oct. 15, 2015 meeting approved and signed.

Discussion: Gary Pothier pointed out that tasks listed for many of the commission had already been given consideration by the Dorothy Pond Reconstruction Committee and Watershed Associations. A great deal of work on these issues had been done. Ken Schold agreed; we did not need to reinvent the wheel.

Marie Cafferty reported that she had gone to Town Hall to find the archives of the original formation of this commission and there were no significant records available there. She will try to access the library archives to learn more. Ken said the founder was Alan Tuttle. She also reported that she had requested a meeting with the DPW director regarding the town maintenance of town own land bordering Dorothy Pond, but had not received a reply to her request. Marie also reported that she had watched the Selectmen's meeting of OCT. 13th, and Kathryn Crewe of the Ramshorn Association had requested that the town develop a policy regarding it ponds and lakes. The Selectmen discussed this. They said it was something that probably should be referred to the Ponds and Lakes Commission. No decision was made by them.

Public Speaks: Brian Mellen 37 Singletary Rd

Brian gave the commission a very inclusive report on the accomplishments of the Singletary Watershed Association. The board meets monthly to organize volunteers for fund raising activities, shoreline clean up, and construction projects at the town beach and boat ramp. He also responded clearly to questions raised by Ken regarding the fall draw down procedures for the lake.

Brian listed the current concerns of the Watershed Association:

1. Why is the dam on Ramshorn costing over a million dollars, when the rebuilding of Singletary's dam only cost \$100,000?
2. The Association has 195 paying members; many are active in fundraising for dewatering, the increasing costs are making this difficult.
3. The Association has done an assessment of the structural repairs needed for the boat ramp and boat washing station. They predict that in spite of qualified volunteer carpenters and contributions of supplies, they will not be able to raise sufficient funds to accomplish their goals. They hope the town of Millbury will provide the money to supplement their efforts.
4. The sceptor drains need cleaning. This needs to be addressed by the town of Millbury.
5. Brian presented a copy of the Association's budget to the Chair.

Terry presented a list of assignments for our members:

- A) The Town should be responsible for identifying and monitoring access points to its lakes and ponds.
- B) Develop a town policy for identifying and monitoring public access to its Lakes and Ponds. Marie will do this.
- C) Gain a report from the Town's Conservation Commission and Public Works Dept. on their involvement and responsibility toward the town's Lakes and Ponds.
- D) Financing the de-weeding of Lakes and Ponds should be the responsibility of the Town. Terry will work on this.
- E) Write a Warrant Article for a line item budget for the Commission to fund next year's de-weeding, dam repairs, hiring a clerk, hiring monitors, etc.
- F) Request the Town's DPW to clean the "Storm Sceptors" along Lake Singletary, Dorothy, Ramshorn and Brierly Ponds. Marie will contact the DPW director.

Assignments for Commission:

Warrant article for town meeting - Terry Burke
Dotson.

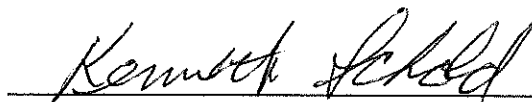
Policy and reports from DPW Marie Cafferty.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded. 9pm.

Respectfully submitted :


Secretary


Chair


Asst. Chair

