

Moultonborough Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes, January 3, 2011

Meeting opened at 7:12 PM

Members present: Marie Samaha, Chairman, Bill Gassman, Herb Farnham, Paul Schmidt, Peter Jensen

Member absent: Bob Patenaude

Alternate absent: Paul Stinson

Review of Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting were amended to list Peter Jensen as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission. The amended version was accepted.

Membership

Peter Jensen was seated as a regular member in the absence of Bob Patenaude.

Wetlands Restoration and Mitigation Inventory Update

Marie had contacted Paul Stinson about the project and he had said that Carter Terenzini was responsible for the next step – writing a Request for Proposal for the project. The Committee agreed to wait until Paul returned and could pursue the RFP from Carter.

Permits and Applications:

Marie reviewed the applications and correspondence received since the last meeting. Of note was a complaint about a project on Echo Land Road. Upon investigation, the DES said that the owner had the proper permit for the work.

Conservation Committee members reviewed plans for lighting at the Laconia Savings Bank in Moultonborough. No comments were made regarding the project.

Milfoil Update:

Peter Jensen reported on the work of the Milfoil Committee in securing a \$16,000 state grant for the coming year, the plan for applying herbicide to areas of the lake, and responding to those who oppose the herbicide treatment.

The Milfoil Committee is planning two programs in February to inform citizens about their work in 2010, plans for 2011, and the Weed Watchers and Lake Host Programs. Both programs will be held at the Moultonborough Library; the first on February 7 and the second on the 28th.

Land Use Change Tax:

Marie passed out the CC response to the BOS questions about the LUCT. Carol Andrews of the NHACC helped Marie and Bill answer the questions that addressed capping the Conservation Fund (legal issues may arise) and needing BOS approval to expend funds (not allowed under the law.)

Peter Jensen made a motion that Marie Samaha as chair of the CC be given the authority to negotiate a change in the percentage and/or the yearly cap of the LUCT. Bill Gassman seconded the motion and the members voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Water Quality Update

Bill said there was little change from last meeting.

By_Laws:

Members reviewed the amended copy of the proposed By Laws and approved the addition of voting guidelines. The By Laws will be approved at the next meeting.

NHACC Membership

Bill Gassman made a motion to continue membership in the NHACC, seconded by Paul Schmidt. Members unanimously agreed to continue membership in the NHACC and directed the chair to pay the dues for the coming year.

Steep Slopes Ordinance

The Planning Board is holding a public hearing January 12, 2011, on 2011 proposed ordinances including the Steep Slopes Ordinance. Marie offered to write a letter to the editors of local papers in support of this ordinance.

Conservation Commission Annual Report

Members reviewed a draft of the Annual Report for the Town Meeting. Marie asked that any changes be sent to her by January 13th.

Other Areas of Interest

The quality of the town's drinking water, and that of Shannon Brook and Moultonborough Falls are topics to be considered for the Conservation Commission's 2011 goals.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

The next meeting will be held on February 7, 2010.

Marie Samaha