

MOULTONBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM. Members present were Marie Samaha, Chair, Bill Gassman, Secretary, Bob Patenaude, and Ed Harrington, alternate Jim Nelson and alternate Brian Sanford seated as a regular member. Bev Nelson attended the meeting.

Minutes:

Ed made a motion to approve the July minutes and Brian seconded. All approved.

Permits/Applications/Correspondence/Complaints:

Permits and applications were reviewed. Marie explained issues she had found during property exams. The group reviewed a subdivision request on Long Island. Comments were made about the building location and driveway, in relation to wetlands.

There is much work to do for the groundwater salt problem at the town garage. Brian met with Scott and Diana Morgan to discuss her report. There are no engineering plans for a RO system or a budget to maintain it. Alternate solutions, such as a new water source, will be looked at. Other options, like catchment drains will be also be looked at. Brian asked that the ConCom be included in solution system design and that it will consider supporting requests for mitigation projects that support conservation goals.

Lee's Pond Preserve

Bev Nelson, from Lees Pond Association, established in 1991, with 23 members, spoke to the ConCom about its interest in the Lee's Pond Preserve. The association raised \$15,000 for use by the ConCom in negotiations with the owner of Lees Pond Preserve. There was a letter given to the ConCom with conditions of the offer, and it is available on request. The group's intent is that its money be used towards an escrow deposit, should a purchase and sale agreement be reached. By the deposit coming from a third party, it is believed that the issue of the town risking its funds, should the purchase fail, is eliminated. After discussion, the ConCom felt that the offer, as written, cannot be accepted because it would channel the deposit through the town, which is what needs to be avoided. The next steps are to meet with the town attorney, and others, then set up a meeting with the owner. The ConCom appreciates the effort from the Lees Pond Association and will continue to work towards a successful conclusion.

Ed moved to proceed with town attorney and then move ahead to craft a purchase and sale agreement. . Bill seconded. All approved.

Bill move to thank Lees Pond Association for their efforts, and to continue work towards a legal way to accept their offer. Brian seconded. All approved.

CC Goals/Mission Statement

Continuing the ongoing work on improving the organization of the ConCom, discussion went into what kinds of activities should be considered for 2016. The following list of items were mentioned.

- Lees Pond Preserve fund raising

- Verify that the ConCom fund is set up in a way charitable donations are a tax deduction for the donor.
- Pick several projects from the Moultonborough Bay Sub-watershed study that result in high-impact improvement for moderate costs.
- Run an education seminar on the MBI study results
- Get youths involved – perhaps UNH and the High school
- Map and prioritize un-conserved lands and evaluate the potential better use of conserved lands
- Map the walking trails and plan improvements to be done by maintenance volunteers
- Reduce roadkill – Red Hill River under route 25
- Add watershed signs along various road locations

Monitoring:

Bill went over the preliminary results from the Moultonborough Bay Inlet watershed study project. Over 150 locations have been identified as contribution points to increased run-off sediment into Lake Winnepesaukee. On August 18, a shoreline mapping project will begin, photographing and documenting each shoreline property in the sub-watershed.

Other Business:

- Brian reported on land monitoring with the forest service. Issues around boundaries and adverse possession where encroachment exists.
- The Conservation Commission agreed to meet on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, as September 7 is labor Day

Adjourn: – Brian made motion at 9:20 to adjourn the meeting, Bob seconded and all agreed.

Minutes submitted, August 11, 2015 by Bill Gassman; Secretary and Marie Samaha; Chair