

Poland Conservation Commission
Minutes of 2-12-14

Members Present: Fred Huntress (co-chairperson), Don Stover (co-chairperson), John Laskey, John Crouch, Sandra Knowles, Keith Messer. Absent: Sue Ellis (secretary).

Meeting called to order: 7:05pm.

Minutes of 12-11-13 were reviewed and accepted.

Business:

Don Stover submitted Commission overview and report to Nikki Pratt for Annual Town Report. The Commission approved.

Maine Association of Conservation Commissions dues renewal, accepted by the Commission members.

The Bragdon Hill Conservation Area pamphlet developed by the Trail Committee was reviewed by the Commission. It was decided to add a brief history of BHCA to the pamphlet and have a minimum of 50 pamphlets available for handouts at the Annual Town Meeting.

Hilt Hollow: There was follow up discussion to proceed with a presentation to be given to the Selectmen for acquisition of both the Hilt Hollow and Furman properties. The focus will be on the long-term value and benefit to the town which includes the recreational use and the conservation of open space. Fred will meet with Nick Adams (Code Enforcement Officer) for mapping, use specifications, etc. There was some additional discussion to approach Ms. Furman with purchase/barter options for the Furman property.

Waterhouse Park: Don reported that Nick researched the ADA (handicap access) issue for the project and the proposed footbridge must meet ADA specifications and the approaches are void. Keith will revisit the bridge specs, costs and different methods of construction. In further discussion, the development of a proposal with the complete scope of the project to present to the Planning Board. Among the items for the proposal include: the footbridge spanning the dam sluiceway, improved parking, carry-in boat launch improvements, a barrier in front of the dam sluiceway similar to the one in place in the past and to address the erosion problems due to contractors, etc drawing water from the reservoir for commercial purposes.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:30pm

Respectively submitted, Keith Messer

Next Meeting: March 12, 7pm, Ricker Library