

Poland Conservation Commission  
Minutes of 4-9-14

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

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm.

Minutes of the 2-12-14 were reviewed and accepted by the members.

Hilt Hollow Area:

There was discussion due the fact that Warrant Article 37 was approved at annual town meeting allowing the Selectboard to sell lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Bakerton Heights (Hilt Hollow) subdivision.

The discussion included a proposal to form a joint fact finding committee that consists of the various town boards, committees and community members to explore the options for acquisition of the Furman property, along with various options for the use and/or sale of the lots. The findings of the committee would be presented to the Selectboard for review.

During the discussion of the various options of sale and use of the lots, two questions were raised about Warrant Article 37. Did the approval of the sale include the Hilt Hollow Road? Has a recent property appraisal for resale value been completed?

Fred contacted Ms. Furman about the possible sale of her property. A recent professional appraisal was completed, she had not received the appraisal information at the time of the conversation. Fred will forward a package with maps and other related information to Ms. Furman.

The property is consider to be a key component to tying the municipal project properties together. The Commission is seeking options to acquire the property without the use of town funds.

One option is to approach Poland Spring Bottling with a proposal to purchase the Furman property to complete the municipal center vision, other options include applying for grants and obtaining private donations.

John Crouch offered a donation of services for legal research of the property once the appraisal/price is known.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Keith Messer, Poland Conservation Commission

Next Meeting: May 14, 7 pm. Ricker Library