

Poland Conservation Commission
Minutes of 11-11-15

Members Present: Fred Huntress (co-chairperson), Don Stover (co-chairperson), Bill Eldridge, Sue Ellis, John Laskey, Keith Messer, Walter Gallagher (Selectboard), Steve Robinson (Selectboard Liaison).

Meeting called to order: 7pm.

Minutes of 10-14-15 were reviewed and accepted.

Heart of Poland Conservation Easement:

The discussion included the following:

The Selectman requested the the Commission create a proposal for a warrant article to place the Hilt Hollow/Furman Area in an easement.

The Commission proposes to encompass additional town owned open space to be included in the easement. The following properties are under consideration:

Hilt Hollow – Lots 2,3,4,5.

Furman Lot

A portion of the Transfer Station Lot.

Map 10 – Lot 28

A portion of Map 40 – Lot 3A (Municipal Complex)

The easement area should be conservative around the Municipal Complex for future projects/expansion/generations.

The area (envelope) to be excluded from the easement on the Transfer Lot would include the existing facility/capped landfill, including additional property for future expansion.

During the review of the area map there was considerable discussion pertaining to the future economic development impact of placing an easement on the area.

The Commission decided to request the Board of Selectman to create a warrant article for the easement area proposed. The timeframe for the request is January 2016.

Conservation Reserve Fund:

The discussion included the following:

It has been discovered that the Reserve Fund article that was accepted at the 2015 Town Meeting was superseded by an article passed in 1983 to use Timber Sale Funds for maintenance of buildings and grounds.

Redirecting the use of Timber Sale Funds to a Reserve Fund would require amending the past article(ordinance)with new article(ordinance).

The discussion in included exploring other reserve fund monetary avenue options.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Keith Messer

