

Poland Conservation Commission
Minutes of 12-9-15

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

Meeting called to order: 7:05pm.

Minutes of 11-11-15 were reviewed and corrected.

Heart of Poland Conservation Easement:

The informational packet that Fred presented to the commission was reviewed and there was discussion about the miscellaneous costs and the area to be covered in the easement.

There was discussion about the Warrant Articles to be presented to the Selectman for there consideration. The discussion included the following:

The 1st Article to be presented would be for town approval of the easement.

The 2nd Article to be presented would be for the approval for the monies to cover the following costs to the Town of Poland:

- Endowment to New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF) for monitoring easement.
- Baseline Documentation by NEFF.

Miscellaneous costs:

- Surveying undefined lines on Furman Lot.
- Exchange of Deeds with abutter Byron Strout.
- Surveying portions of town land excluded from easement.
- Legal fees by towns attorney.
- Forest management plan.

The commission decided to approach the Selectman with the wording and costs for the two articles at the 12/15/15 Selectman Meeting.

Timber Sales/Conservation Reserve Fund:

The discussion included the following:

Conflicts in the wording of the proposed articles.

Amend or emasculate the proposed articles.

The commission is in favor of a Building/Grounds Fund along with a Conservation Reserve Fund.

Communicate the purpose of the Conservation Reserve Fund to the town by presenting the results of timber sales to present, along with future results.

Bring forth an open debate to discuss the funding mechanism for the reserve fund.

The meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Keith Messer

