



Town of Sandown , NH

Conservation Commission January 12, 2012

Date: January 12, 2012

Place: Sandown Town Hall

Members Present: Chuck Crowe – Chair, Ed St. Pierre, Samantha Borbone, Brian Butler, Mark Traeger

Also Present: Recording Secretary - Andrea Cairns

Absent: Pam Merrill Solomon – Vice Chair, Scott Burt

Selectmen Liaison: Mr. Steve Brown: Absent

Environmental Consultant: Mr. Gerry Miller, Certified Wetlands Scientist: Present

Annual Fishing Derby Chair: Mrs. Heidi Chaput: Absent

Opening: Mr. Crowe opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Crowe noted the resident of 218 Fremont Road requested a favorable letter from the Conservation Commission to move forward with her project. The Conservation Commission never received a stamped copy of the survey from the Wetlands Scientist despite several requests. Mr. Crowe questioned if they should withhold the letter until they receive the missing documentation. Members agreed to wait on sending the letter.

The Conservation Commission received a check for \$7,500 that will be deposited in the conservation fund under current use. Members needed to sign the form to authorize the deposit.

Mr. Crowe noted there was an invoice for \$56 in advertising costs for the legal notice for the public hearing held on 12/15/11. Mr. Butler clarified the expense would be taken out of the advertising budget.

Mr. Crowe noted for members that they went over budget by \$90 in 2011. Mr. Butler suggested making the Selectman aware.

Mr. Crowe noted an issue in town where an individual put a walkway across a stream to access property that isn't theirs. They installed a culvert, which is too small, and water is backing up on the person's property that is being trespassed on. Ms. Merrill Solomon went to the property and took photos. The issue was discussed with Ken Sherwood who stated that the town has no involvement and it's a civil matter.

Mr. Miller suggested that the landowner could file a complaint with DES since it is an illegal culvert. Members suggested that Mr. Crowe could get her the forms she needs to file the complaint as a way for the commission to offer help.

Mr. Butler noted that Sal Genuardo's wife recently passed away. If members would like to make a donation to the Michael J. Fox Fund, Mr. Crowe would collect the money.

Ms. Borbone noted she met with Artie Genuardo about the hiking sign for the Fremont Town Forest. Ms. Borbone and

Mr. Genuardo agreed the best location for the sign is at the peninsula near the general store also noting there is a stop sign at that location that they would need to work around. Mr. Traeger suggested contacting someone from the state to see if they can attach the hiking sign to the stop sign. Members discussed other locations for the sign.

MOTION: Ms. Borbone made a motion to spent \$50.74 for a 24x18 aluminum sign with a hiker symbol and the words "Fremont Town Forest 0.9 miles" with an arrow, to be taken out of the forestry management account. Mr. St. Pierre seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Mr. Traeger suggested putting the sign near the St. Matthew's parking lot before Depot Rd.

Mr. Traeger questioned if there would also be a sign at the intersection of Phillips Rd. and Fremont Rd. as well. Ms. Borbone didn't know if there were funds available for two signs.

Members discussed whether there would be signs going both directions on Rt. 121A and agreed only one sign was necessary.

All members voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Mr. Crowe noted the budget committee was meeting again and he would be attending to try and get the \$300 that the Selectman approved added to the 2012 budget.

NH Legislation

Mr. Miller reviewed several bills that the NH legislature is looking to enact this session that relate to conservation. He distributed links to the bills they are as follows:

www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2012/hb1512

www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2012/hb1515

www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2012/hb1545

www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2012/SB0360

www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2012/SB0265

Members discussed each bill.

Mr. Miller explained that SB0360 is a bill to name a pond in the Town of Sandown at 45 Main Street, "Sal's Pond"

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion for Mr. Traeger to write a letter on behalf of the Conservation Commission in support of SB0360. Mr. St. Pierre seconded the motion. All members voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Mr. Traeger will also write a letter on behalf of the Sandown Conservation Commission addressing the other proposed bills to be sent to local representatives.

Annual Report

Mr. Crowe noted the Conservation Commission needed to submit their report for the town's annual report. Mr. Crowe will write it and submit it to members for their review. Mr. Butler suggesting going back to last year's annual report to use as a guideline. Mr. Butler also suggested thanking voters for making Porter Property part of the town forest.

Master Plan

Mr. Traeger noted for members that there would be a public input session on February 7, 2012 and encouraged them to attend to give feedback to the master plan.

Mr. Traeger noted that the Conservation Commission didn't need to write the new chapters, they simply needed to forward the information on to the Master Plan Advisory Committee and they would incorporate the changes into the

new master plan. Mr. Butler noted that some numbers in the old plan needed updating.

Mr. Butler handed out a table listing conservation land as of 2012. Members discussed the table.

Mr. St Pierre suggested adding the word "Parcel" to "Cranberry Meadow Road."

MOTION: Mr. St. Pierre made a motion to change the name of Greenwood Hook Town Forest to the Wells Village Road Town Forest. Mr. Butler seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Members discussed having synergy among the names of the town forests.

All members voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Members discussed whether they should include a 10% acreage goal vs. a 25% acreage goal relative to what percentage of town land they would like to be conservation land. Members agreed that although 25% was unlikely, the master plan was about goals, and it would be appropriate to keep that number in there.

Mr. Traeger suggested giving Mr. Butler's chart, the open space plan and the edited wildlife section to the master plan advisory committee and letting them incorporate the information into the new master plan.

Mr. Butler will go through the current master plan and highlight areas that need to be changed.

Members agreed there was no need to go into Non-Public.

MOTION: At 8:49, Mr. St. Pierre made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. Members voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrea Cairns, Recording Secretary