



Town of Sandown , NH

**Conservation Commission
January 26, 2012**

Date: January 26, 2012

Place: Sandown Town Hall

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

Also Present: Recording Secretary - Andrea Cairns

Absent: 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 7:06 p.m.

Review of 12/15/11 Minutes

L28 change “Dupitto” to “DiPippo”

L41 change “Haul” to “Hall”

Change “Morano” to “Moreno” throughout

MOTION: Mr. Traeger made a motion to accept the 12/15/11 minutes as amended. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. Members voted in the affirmative, Mr. Traeger abstained. The motion passed.

Review of 12/15/11 Non-Public Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Merrill Solomon made a motion to accept the 12/15/11 non-public minutes as drafted. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. Members voted in the affirmative, Mr. Traeger abstained. The motion passed.

Review of 1/12/12 Minutes

L34-36 change to “Ms. Merrill reviewed aerial photos and saw what appeared to be a crossing. Based on the property owner’s concern about flooding, it was assumed there was an undersized culvert.”

MOTION: Mr. Traeger made a motion to accept the 1/12/12 minutes as amended. Ms. Merrill Solomon seconded the motion. All members voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

News Update

Mr. Crowe explained, to address the issue at Chase Road, he presented the resident with a downloaded form from DES and also gave her the photos Ms. Merrill Solomon emailed. Mr. Crowe explained to her how to move forward. The resident thanked Mr. Crowe and the Commission for their assistance.

A card was sent to Sal Genualdo. Funds were collected and a donation was made.

Mr. Crowe spoke with Mr. Moreno. Mr. Moreno lowered his invoice from \$175 to \$125 for his attendance at the

public hearing.

Mr. Crowe submitted the invoice for the hiking signs to Darlene. Mr. Crowe requested that a copy of the invoice be returned to him, which he has not yet received. Mr. Crowe will follow up to make sure it was not sent to the vendor so that Ms. Borbone can submit the invoice with the check.

Public Hearing

The Commission opened a public hearing for the purchase of approximately 34 acres of land on Tax Map 8, Lot 13. The Commission is purchasing the property from Mr. Robert Meaney of 66 Cub Pond Road, Danville, NH.

Discussion:

No public was in attendance.

The hearing was noticed in two newspapers. Members felt it was sufficiently noticed. Mr. Butler disagreed since the incorrect agenda was posted.

Mr. Butler questioned if the Commission received a copy of the survey for the property. Mr. Traeger confirmed they did receive one, but was not sure if it was a recorded survey.

Mr. Traeger showed members the location of the property on the tax map and explained the details of the property.

Mr. Traeger noted as part of the purchase, the Commission would need to pay for legal work to deed access across Curt Springer's property to put in a parking lot and they would also need to take down a chicken coop that a neighbor put on Mr. Meaney's property.

Mr. Traeger noted that Mr. Meaney requested a letter from the Commission stating that he could have two tree stands on the property for the duration of 20 years, or his lifetime.

Mr. Butler questioned what kind of tree stands Mr. Meaney would have on the property noting concern over using nails or spikes. He also had concern that the tree stands could put liability on the town.

Members further discussed the issue and concluded that two temporary, non-invasive stands would be acceptable.

Mr. St. Pierre noted that any resident could put tree stands that use spikes on town property; they simply need to ask for written permission. Since Mr. Meaney is asking for permission, he doesn't feel they should restrict him. Mr. St. Pierre noted he would be in favor of reconsidering if Mr. Meaney had a problem with the terms of the letter.

Mr. Traeger read the letter noting that Mr. Meaney could erect two temporary tree hunting stands on the parcel of land on Tax Map 8, Lot 13 for a period of 20 years. The stands should not use spikes, screw in pegs or any other devices that could damage the tree.

MOTION: Mr. St. Pierre made a motion for Mr. Traeger to send the letter to Mr. Meaney. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

At approximately 7:32 p.m., Mr. Crowe closed the public hearing for the Meaney purchase.

Non-Public Meeting

MOTION: Mr. St. Pierre made a motion to go into a Non-Public Meeting according to RSA: 91: A: 3 II d. Ms. Merrill Solomon seconded the motion. Members voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Members came out of the Non- Public Meeting and stated that they sealed the Non-Public Minutes.

Roll Call: Ms. Merrill Solomon, Mr. Crowe, Mr. St. Pierre, Ms. Borbone, Mr. Butler, Mr. Traeger

Forest Thinning Signs

Ms. Borbone was looking to purchase the signs for the forest management tree cutting. The signs would be one-sided

and would cost \$24 each.

Mr. Crowe noted that the tree cutting is running behind because of the weather. If the ground were to stay frozen, there is a possibility the work could be done this year.

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to purchase four signs out of the forest management account. Mr. St. Pierre seconded the motion. Members voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

Members discussed posting information about this invasive insect on cable TV, and the website.

Mr. Miller suggested sending information to the local newspaper as a public announcement. Mr. Traeger suggested he would email Matt Rittenhouse of the *Tri Town Times* to see if he would want to do a story on it.

Winter Events

Since there is no snow, members agreed a full-moon snowshoe walk would be difficult.

Mr. Traeger noted the snowshoe race is still scheduled for February 25, 2012.

Legislation Update

Mr. Miller gave members an update on pieces of legislation discussed at the previous meeting.

Mr. Traeger reminded members of the upcoming visioning session for the Master Plan on February 7, 2012.

MOTION: At approximately 8:41, Mr. St. Pierre made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Merrill Solomon seconded the motion. Members voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrea Cairns, Recording Secretary