



Town of Sandown , NH

Conservation Commission

Date: February 9, 2012

Place: Sandown Town Hall

Members Present: Pam Merrill Solomon – Chair, Ed St. Pierre, Brian Butler, Mark Traeger

Also Present: Recording Secretary - Andrea Cairns

Absent: Scott Burt, Samantha Borbone

Selectmen Liaison: Mr. Steve Brown: Absent

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

Annual Fishing Derby Chair: Mrs. Heidi Chaput: Absent

Opening: Ms. Merrill Solomon opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted they received a bill from the Union Leader for the legal notice regarding the public hearing on 1/26/12 for the purchase of land. The bill was \$39.53.

MOTION: Mr. St. Pierre made a motion to pay the bill for \$39.53 to the Union Leader Corp for the legal notice regarding the public hearing on 1/26/12, which would be paid out of the advertisements line item in the budget. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. Members voted in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Mr. Butler clarified for Ms. Merrill Solomon how to submit invoices to finance and when she needs approval from the commission to pay them.

Approval of 1/26/12 Minutes

MOTION: Mr. St. Pierre made a motion to accept the 1/26/12 minutes as written. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. Members voted in the affirmative. Mr. Butler abstained. The motion passed.

Election of a New Chairman

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted that since Mr. Crowe stepped down as Chairman, a new Chairman needed to be elected.

Mr. Butler noted that the Vice Chair assumes the duties until elections and suggested they wait until after the March 13, 2012 elections to elect a new Chairman.

Meaney Property Site Walk

Mr. Traeger noted they would be closing on the property on 2/10/12. He received a check for payment. The Commission received authorization from the Selectman. He noted that he walked the property with Mr. St. Pierre and Mr. Crowe and encouraged the other members to walk the property.

Mr. Traeger also noted that he spoke to the fire chief about burning the chicken coop on the property as a training exercise, but they are unable to do that.

Mr. Butler requested that Mr. Traeger obtain a survey of the property. Once they receive ownership, they can record the survey and have Mr. Miller mark the property line.

Mr. Traeger noted that the chicken coop would require chainsaws and trucks to remove. He also noted that before they could complete the legal work with Mr. Springer, the chicken coop would need to be taken down.

Porter Property

Mr. Traeger noted he walked the property and started marking a trail.

Mr. Butler suggested before they mark the trail that they finish some of the other projects that are outstanding. Mr. Butler would like to prioritize with the parking lot before they mark any trails.

Ms. Merrill Solomon suggested for the next meeting that they brainstorm on what projects are left undone from last year and possibly finish them in the spring.

Fishing Derby

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted that Ms. Chaput received permission from Mr. Genuardo to have the fishing derby on April 28, 2012. The commission will need to obtain police detail and write a letter to the Selectman letting them know about the derby.

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion for the Sandown Conservation Commission to sponsor the fishing derby on April 28, 2012. Mr. St. Pierre seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion not to exceed \$250 for the police detail, which would be taken out of the education line item on the budget. Mr. St. Pierre seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

Mr. Merrill Solomon noted that Ms. Chaput would like to attend the next meeting to discuss the derby with the Commission. She also noted that Ms. Chaput requested to have members available to help the day of the derby.

Ms. Merrill Solomon will write the letter to the Selectman.

Non-Public

The Commission invited Mr. Miller into non-public.

MOTION: Mr. St. Pierre made a motion to go into a Non-Public Meeting according to RSA: 91: A: 3 II d. Mr. Butler 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 minutes while in Non-Public Minutes.

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

Earth Day

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted that earth day is on April 22, 2012.

Fremont Road

Mr. Traeger noted they had a request for a wedding to be held on the field. Mr. Traeger noted the Commission asked them to hay the field themselves and make sure the property was kept in the same condition. The family has since decided not to hold the wedding outdoors.

Mr. Traeger noted that they should formalize rules in case the issue comes up again.

Odell Rd.

Mr. Miller was asked to look at property on Odell Road where some lots were being cleared next to wetlands. Mr. Miller noted that as long as they don't pull stumps out of the wetlands, they are in compliance.

MOTION: Mr. St. Pierre made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. Members voted in the affirmative. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED at approximately 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Cairns". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and connected.

Andrea Cairns, Recording Secretary