



Town of Sandown , NH

Conservation Commission

March 8, 2012

Date: March 8, 2012

Place: Sandown Town Hall

Members Present: Pam Merrill Solomon – Chair, Samantha Borbone, Brian Butler, Mark Traeger

Also Present: Recording Secretary - Andrea Cairns

Absent: Scott Burt, Ed St. Pierre

Selectmen Liaison: Mr. Steve Brown: Absent

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

Annual Fishing Derby Chair: Mrs. Heidi Chaput: Present

Opening: Ms. Merrill Solomon opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Review of 2/23/12 Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Traeger made a motion to accept the 2/23/12 minutes as written. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

Mail/Updates

Ms. Borbone requested signatures of approval for the forest cutting signs.

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted that two checks, one for \$7,500 and the other for \$2,500, were deposited into the land use fund. Mr. Traeger noted that he had the two smaller checks and received clarification from the assessor, noting they were current use payments, not interest.

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted that they paid Mr. Moreno \$175 for the public hearing regarding the forest cutting. Mr. Moreno offered to charge only \$125 for his attendance and will refund the Conservation Commission \$50 for the difference.

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted they received a brochure about the DES Annual Drinking Water Protection Workshop.

Review of 2/23/12 Non-Public Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Traeger made a motion to accept the 2/23/12 non-public minutes as written. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

Fishing Derby

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted that they received approval from the Selectman to have the fishing derby. She also noted that Lynn Blaisdell confirmed that everything is all set with the insurance.

Mr. Butler will speak to the police about having a detail that day.

Ms. Chaput applied for the state permit.

Ms. Chaput noted they received several donations for prizes.

Ms. Chaput also noted she contacted the bank about doing the t-shirts. The woman who they worked with last year has retired. Her new contact will make sure they get taken care of.

Mr. Traeger noted that he and Ms. Borbone opened up a checking account under the Friends of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Traeger noted that if they do fundraising in the future, they could ask the Friends of the Conservation Commission to sponsor the event and any money raised could go to them.

Ms. Chaput confirmed the size and quantity of the fish she would be ordering. She also noted the cost would be \$650 and that the delivery fee increased to \$40. Mr. Butler felt the quantity and sizes should remain the same as last year and they should be put into the pond the week before the event.

Mr. Butler noted he liked having tagged fish. Ms. Chaput noted there was confusion last year because tagged fish from previous years were being caught and they didn't allot enough prizes for them. Mr. Butler suggested specifying the color of the tags that would win a prize.

Ms. Chaput requested, because of feedback she received last year, that there be a new rule of only one fishing pole per registered child. Members agreed that was a good idea.

Ms. Chaput noted that registration would be from 7-7:30 a.m. and the derby would run until 10:00 a.m. on April 28, 2012. She also noted the police detail was typically from 6:30-10:30 a.m.

Mr. Traeger will pick up the 150 munchkins from the Dunkin Donuts in Kingston.

Ms. Chaput noted that Kohl's has a Kohl's for Kids program that she was looking into it to see if the derby would qualify. She explained that it's open to employees, but she would need to get five Kohl's employees to volunteer for the event, plus additional criteria needed to be met. If the derby qualified, Kohl's would donate a lump sum.

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion for Ms. Chaput to order fish for an amount not to exceed \$700, to be paid out of the education and awareness line item. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Ms. Chaput asked members if the event should be dedicated to Sheila Genualdo. Members discussed purchasing a Rose of Sharon shrub for Mr. Genualdo in her memory.

Ms. Chaput asked what the status was of the lilacs the commission was supposed to receive for the clean up. She suggested donating those to Sandown North since they are doing a plant a tree program. Mr. Traeger will follow-up and see what the status is.

Ms. Chaput will check her schedule and confirm if she will attend the next meeting.

Fremont Road Town Forest

Members discussed the trail maintenance days and agreed to do the red and green trails on March 25, 2012 and the blue and purple trails on April 15, 2012, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on both days. The commission will supply coffee, donuts, water and snacks.

Ms. Borbone will contact Matt Rittenhouse about doing an article in the Tri Town Times.

MOTION: Mr. Traeger made a motion not to exceed \$25 for trail clean up of the Fremont Town Forest, to be taken out of the forestry account. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously in the affirmative. The motion passed.

Mr. Traeger will email a copy of the brochure to be discussed at the next meeting.

Conservation Easement Monitoring on Twitchell's Way

Mr. Butler and Mr. Traeger will walk the property and report back to the commission.

Community Garden

Mr. Butler will contact the people who used the garden last year to see if they want to use it again. He felt that an ad should be put into the newspaper in April and noted by May 15, they could start planting in the garden.

Ms. Borbone asked if the commission ever thought of putting a sign up that read Sandown Community Garden, similar to the sign at the food pantry. She will find out how much the food pantry sign cost to construct to see if it is something the commission could work towards.

Vernal Pool Workshop

Mr. Traeger suggested holding the workshops again this year. Ms. Merrill Solomon noted that on the first warm rainy night over 40 degrees, all amphibians migrate to the pools to mate and lay eggs. She noted last year, it was held the first weekend in May and they did find a few egg masses.

Members agreed to hold the workshop on Friday, April 27, 2012 (school vacation week), from 3:00-4:00pm.

New Name for Meaney Property

Mr. Traeger noted that Curt Springer, in turn for giving the commission access through his property, would like the property to be named after his aunt.

Mr. Butler questioned the status of the 8-acre parcel adjacent to the property and noted concern about naming the property until they knew the status.

Mr. Traeger noted the attorney is drawing up paperwork for the commission and Mr. Springer to sign stating that the commission has access to his property.

Members agreed to discuss further at another meeting after the paperwork is signed.

Revisions for NPDES Phase II Small MS4 General Permit

Ms. Merrill Solomon reviewed the reason behind the permit and noted that the commission needed to review the application to see if any areas need to be revised. She noted the deadline for changes is April 15, 2012.

Members agreed to review the application from last year and discuss at the next meeting.

Recruiting New Members

Mr. Traeger noted he was going to try and speak with the Mother's Club, the 55+ Club and possibly Mill Pine Village to educate them on the commission.

Members discussed putting up a sign at the town forest kiosk, placing information into the "happenings" section of the Tri-Town Times, and putting information on the cable channel. Ms. Borbone offered to write the press release.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrea Cairns, Recording Secretary