



Town of Sandown , NH

Conservation Commission

April 12, 2012

Date: April 12, 2012

Place: Sandown Town Hall

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

Absent: Scott Burt

Selectmen Liaison: Mr. Hans Nicolaisen: Present

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 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

3/8/12 Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Traeger made a motion to approve the 3/8/12 minutes as written. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

3/22/12 Minutes

L94 change to “Louis Guarino”

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to accept the 3/22/12 minutes as amended. Ms. Borbone seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Mr. Traeger noted that Louis Guarino requested a letter from the Commission supporting his project. Mr. Traeger noted he could write the letter.

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion for Mr. Traeger to write the letter for Mr. Guarino. Ms. Borbone seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted they received a check for \$15,000 to go into the land use account.

Members discussed reimbursements. Ms. Borbone had a reimbursement for \$60 for a seminar she would be attending and for the liquor license for the snowshoe race.

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to reimburse Ms. Borbone for \$60 for the conference “Saving Special Places” to come out of the conferences line item. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. Members voted in favor, Ms. Borbone abstained. The motion passed.

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to reimburse Ms. Borbone for the liquor license for \$125 to come out of the checking account. Ms. Borbone will submit a copy of her check as the receipt. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. Members voted in favor, Ms. Borbone abstained. The motion passed.

Mr. Paul Carey was present. He offered his services as an alternate or full member, noting he would prefer to serve in the position that had the shortest term.

MOTION: Mr. Traeger made a motion to bring Mr. Carey back to the Commission, and recommend to the Selectman to appoint him to the term that is the shortest. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Mr. Nicolaisen suggested that Mr. Carey contact Ms. Blaisdell about the length of his term.

Mr. Butler noted that he would be staying on for another three-year term and that he would need to be sworn in once he received the form from Ms. Blaisdell.

Non-Public Meeting

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to go into a Non-Public Meeting according to RSA: 91: A: 3 II e. Mr. Traeger 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, Ms. Borbone, Mr. Butler, Mr. Traeger

Fishing Derby

Ms. Chaput asked members who would be at the fishing derby to help out. Ms. Merrill Solomon, Mr. Butler and Mr. Traeger noted they would all be there to help out.

Ms. Chaput noted that the fish, police detail and portable toilets have all been ordered. She would speak with Mr. Genualdo to let him know when the fish would be delivered. Mr. Butler offered to help with the delivery if needed. She also noted that the sign would need to be put out next Friday or Saturday.

Mr. Traeger would bring his pop-up. Mr. Traeger also noted that he would have Matt Rittenhouse from the Tri Town Times contact Ms. Chaput about the derby.

Ms. Chaput noted she would not be able to make the meeting on the 26th. Members noted they would meet at 6:00 on Friday the 27th to help set-up for the event.

Ernie Brown – Twitchell's Way

Mr. Traeger and Mr. Butler noted they walked the property and found the monuments. They felt there should be additional signage placed for homeowners. Mr. Traeger asked Mr. Brown if he would be open to having disks placed. Ms. Merrill Solomon noted that homeowners often don't see the monuments on the ground, so the medallions should be at eye level every 50-100 feet and can be small.

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted concern over what the commission would do in the event that a homeowner violated the easement. Mr. Brown suggested they could call the state since it's all in the shoreline protection area. Mr. Traeger noted that only the first 50' is protected by the shoreline protection act, after the first 50', as long as 20% of the land isn't altered, they could still do a lot of cutting. He also noted the additional 50' after the first 100' is in limbo as far as enforcement.

Mr. Butler asked Mr. Brown if he was worried that it would upset homeowners. Mr. Brown noted he would like homeowners to be able to make a footpath down to the water.

Members discussed where they could obtain the "no cut" disks.

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted that the commission doesn't have issues with doing the monitoring, they just needed to know where the line is and what to do if someone wasn't in compliance. She then clarified on the plans where she felt additional markers should go.

Mr. Brown noted that there was a 5ft canoe launch easement, but didn't feel he could create that launch since he would need to cut too much brush to create it. He noted the planning board requested that it be placed on the plans, it is for the neighborhood only and it would be put on the deeds.

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted that the commission would research medallions and the possibly purchase them and that she would follow-up with Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown requested to be notified of monitoring once he puts houses on the lots. Mr. Traeger noted they would send a formal letter when monitoring and that it would only be done once a year.

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Fremont Road Town Forest

Members discussed the trail clean up. Ms. Borbone noted several groups would be in attendance. Members clarified they would be working on the blue and purple trails.

Ms. Merrill Solomon was going to contact Mr. St. Pierre about possibly having his daughter take pictures of the event.

Members discussed splitting up the groups. The blue trail would be for the cub scouts and the mother's club. The purple trail would be for the geocachers. Both groups could meet at Great Rock.

Trail Map

Ms. Merrill Solomon sent out the revisions on Monday. Discussion would be deferred to the next meeting.

Conservation Easement- Betty Judkins Ayer Conservation Area

Mr. Traeger noted he had the easement language from Mr. Springer, noting that they would need to decide to call it the Bette Judkins Ayer Conservation Area as requested by Mr. Springer.

Members reviewed the language. Ms. Merrill Solomon questioned what "public motorized uses" referred to. Mr. Traeger will clarify.

The discussion will be continued to the next agenda.

Community Garden

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted that the well went in.

Mr. Butler noted that applications were sent out. He also noted he would like to clean up the area around the well.

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted that she met with Mr. Genualdo and there is plenty of water in the well. She noted that there was a lot of clay, which they would likely need to top grass with loam. She contacted East Coast Lumber and loam is \$22/yard.

Mr. Butler noted that Mr. Hall still needed to till the property and once that was finished, they could clean up the area.

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted they needed a well pump. She also noted that the well cover had a chip in it. Mr. Faxon would either repair it or look for a replacement. Mr. Faxon also offered to install the pump. Mr. Butler noted that he had an old pump, but needed to obtain a new part for it. He suggested using that to see if it would work before purchasing a new one.

Mr. Butler noted that the driveway into the garden needed to be fixed and a small load of crushed stone would be

needed.

Members discussed the water buffalo and agreed to keep it there until they know the well works.

New Business

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted that she met with Mr. Havesh in regards to the website edits and updates. She noted they commission received a bill for \$700 which includes the monthly fee to host the site and the previous year's maintenance. The discussion will be continued to the next agenda.

Mr. Nicolaisen noted that in 2004 the town voted on a warrant article to have all committee meetings televised and asked the commission if they would be open to that. Members agreed they were in favor of the idea. Mr. Nicolaisen noted that it was in the cable budget and he would move forward with making that happen.

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Borbone seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously in the affirmative. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Cairns".

Andrea Cairns, Recording Secretary