



Town of Sandown , NH

Conservation Commission

April 26, 2012

Approved 5/10/12

Date: April 26, 2012

Place: Sandown Town Hall

Members Present: Pam Merrill Solomon - Chair, Brian Butler, Samantha Borbone, Mark Traeger, Paul Carey

Absent: Scott Burt

Selectmen Liaison: Mr. Hans Nicolaisen: Absent

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

Annual Fishing Derby Chair: Mrs. Heidi Chaput: Absent

Opening: Ms. Merrill Solomon opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Review of 4/12/12 Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the 4/12/12 minutes as written. Ms. Borbone seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

Review of 4/12/12 Non-Public Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the 4/12/12 NON-PUBLIC minutes as written. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

Twitchell's Way Easement

Ms. Merrill Solomon researched signs. SE Land Trust recommended a company called Voss Signs out of NY. Ms. Merrill Solomon received quotes. The signs would be 4x4 aluminum, one-color on a white background, and should last 15-20 years before they start to weather. For 25 signs, they would be \$6.95/each. For two-color signs, 25 signs would be \$8.95/each. There would be a \$10 shipping charge and a 2-3 week turnaround.

Ms. Merrill Solomon also got a quote for trail markers. For 3 ¼ x 3 ¼ aluminum signs, 300 would be \$0.35/each. 500 would be \$0.27/each. Colors can be mixed.

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to purchase 25 of the 4x4 conservation easement markers.

Discussion: Members clarified the math, noting that there would be a one-time set-up charge of \$45. 25 markers would be approximately \$228.75. Members agreed they should get other quotes before purchasing. Ms. Merrill Solomon will get pricing from Forestry Suppliers noting they could potentially get a municipal discount.

Fremont Road Town Forest

Ms. Merrill Solomon did a trail clean-up recap for the group, and noted that the Tri-Town Times had a photo on the front page with a small caption. She also noted they had over 50 people attend.

Members discussed the purple trail markers noting that the color blended into the bark and was hard to see. Members then discussed options for trail markers. Ms. Merrill Solomon noted that they could purchase white markers with hiker symbols on them. Mr. Butler suggested using a reflective material.

Mr. Traeger noted he didn't like the idea of nailing markers to trees and suggested putting arrows at key intersections or any confusing areas along the trails.

Mr. Butler noted that there were five different trail colors; they could purchase 50 of each color, 25 arrows and 25 hiker signs.

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted they could be used on other properties. She then noted the price for 300 markers at \$0.35/each would be \$105. 500 markers at \$0.27/each would be \$135.

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion not to exceed \$150 out of the forestry account to purchase 500 markers with Ms. Merrill Solomon determining the breakdown of colors. Ms. Borbone seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Traeger opposed. The motion passed.

Mr. Carey noted that the sign at the kiosk looked great.

Trail Map

Members discussed changes to the copy, they are as follows:

- Fremont Road forest started as 37 acres.
- Remove "minton property" reference
- Acknowledge that the Chapman family started the tree farm
- Instead of the "town of Sandown voted" change to "the people of Sandown voted"
- Add descriptions to the trails – adding "great rock", red trail is wildlife opening and hayfield, orange trail is Exeter River.
- Add in reference to the Quaranta and Samoissette families
- Total acreage is 221.36 acres
- Remove the reference to "stay on trails"
- Add "notify the Conservation Commission if there are obstacles along the trail."

Mr. Traeger will purchase a clear box for holding brochures at Staples, preferably one with a cover.

Ms. Merrill Solomon will finalize the changes.

Non-Public Meetings

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to go into a Non-Public Meeting according to RSA: 91: A: 3 II d. 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, Mr. Carey (guest)

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Conservation Easement- Betty Judkins Ayer Conservation Area

Mr. Traeger reviewed the language from the contract.

Members clarified that they would have 15' from the center line, on each side, on a Class B trail.

Mr. Traeger will make adjustments and distribute them for a final review.

Community Garden

Mr. Genualdo pumped out another 8' of water.

Mr. Butler will talk to the Faxon's about the pump.

Ms. Merrill Solomon priced out pumps at Grainger. For a cast iron pitcher pump it would be \$102. Mr. Butler would like to see how the well works with his pump before the commission purchases a new one.

Mr. Butler wanted to thank Mr. Hall for tilling the garden and thank Larry Cormier for the use of the plow.

Mr. Traeger will write a letter to the editor at the Tri-Town Times to formally thank everyone involved, including: Mr. Genualdo, the Faxons, Mr. Cormier and Mr. Hall.

Mr. Butler has placed the signs and will put up stakes to layout the garden. He had hoped to change the layout a bit, but people requested he didn't so they could keep their own soil.

Mr. Butler also noted he wanted to grade the area around the well, pack it down to seal it and put pea stone along the area. Mr. Butler also noted that he felt the entrance into the garden of the road was difficult to pull in and out of. He contacted the DOT and they came out and marked a new area for a driveway. If a new entrance were to be created, Mr. Butler will block off the old entrance.

Members discussed where to place the water buffalo. Mr. Butler noted he would likely put it back where it was.

Mr. Butler noted there were four remaining plots. Mr. Traeger suggested having Matt Rittenhouse do an article instead of Mark writing a letter to the editor.

Mr. Carey suggested they ask Mr. Genualdo about using the compost at the dump.

Fishing Derby

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted that Ms. Chaput would like to purchase two boxes of Joe from Dunkin Donuts for the derby. Mr. Traeger offered to purchase those.

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,



Andrea Cairns, Recording Secretary