

Town of Sandown, NH

Conservation Commission May 10, 2012

Date: May 10, 2012

Place: Sandown Town Hall

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

Absent: Samantha Borbone, 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.

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted the Commission received an invoice from the Springer Law Office for \$157.50 for the drafting of the **Betty Judkins Ayer**easement.

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to pay \$157.50 out of the conservation fund to the Springer Law Office. Mr. Carey seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

Review of the 4/26/12 Minutes

Change "Casey" to "Carey" throughout List Mr. Carey as a guest in Non-Public

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the 4/26/12 minutes as amended. Mr. Traeger seconded the motion. Members voted in favor. Mr. Carey abstained. The motion passed.

Fremont Road Town Forest Trail Map

Ms. Merrill Solomon made changes to the brochure. She will circulate the final draft. The only change that needs to be made is a photo added to the front.

Mr. Traeger donated a mailbox to hold the brochures. His wife will paint "trail map" on the front.

Members discussed doing color copies of the trail map. Since copies are expensive members agreed to add some wording to the mailbox asking people to return or reuse.

Mr. Carey suggested contacting local businesses to see if they would sponsor the printing of the brochures. He will contact a few businesses.

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to purchase color copies of the town forest trail map not to exceed \$250 out of the forestry management account. Mr. Carey seconded the motion.

Discussion: Ms. Merrill Solomon will get estimates from Staples and Hampstead Print and Copy. Mr. Traeger suggested contacted the Londonderry Stapes since the woman who works there is from Sandown and they may be

able to get a discount.

Members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

Samoisette and Quarenta Conservation Easement

The easement was emailed to members. The change added language to the existing easement to include those properties.

Mr. Carey questioned if the commission would want to eventually adjust the lot lines to make them one property. Members agreed they would eventually want to do that.

Mr. Butler noted the Selectman typically sign the easement.

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to recommend to the Selectman that they sign the easement per the town vote at a town meeting. Mr. Carey seconded the motion.

Discussion: Ms. Merrill Solomon will contact Ms. Blaisdell to get on the next available agenda for the Selectman. Mr. Carey suggested that they find the original town vote so the Selectman have that as a reference.

Members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

40-Hour Project in Town

Mr. Traeger was contacted by a man in town that is fulfilling a 40 hour community service commitment. He would be interested in doing work for the Conservation Commission. Mr. Traeger suggested that he clean-up a trail on the **Betty Judkins Ayer** property. The trail exists already, but needs to be cleared and temporarily marked.

Mr. Butler noted he could use help cleaning around the well and spreading the loam. He also suggested that he could stain the picnic tables at the Fremont Road Town Forest if he needed more hours.

Mr. Traeger noted they will need to fill out a form stating how many hours of service he completed.

Community Garden

Mr. Butler noted he laid out the garden and has a total of 13, 20x25 plots. The last plot is a bit smaller, likely 10x20 and odd shaped. Only one 20x25 plot and the smaller 10x20 plot are available.

Mr. Butler fixed his pump and will contact the Faxon's to get it installed. He also did some clean-up work around the well.

People who have paid and sent in their applications are able to start planting if they want.

Mr. Butler would like to address the new driveway. He was able to meet with the state road agent to get ideas for a new location. He will need to get state permits. Mr. Carey suggested looking at the old plans for the property and see if they have any approved driveway cuts that could be utilized. Mr. Butler did that but didn't feel any of those locations were appropriate.

Mr. Butler noted there was an article in the Tri-Town Times thanking everyone involved. Members of the Commission thanked Mr. Butler for his efforts as well.

Mr. Carey asked if anyone contacted Mr. Genualdo about using compost from the dump. Ms. Merrill Solomon will follow-up with him.

Fishing Derby

The Fishing Derby was successful.

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted there were a few extra gift certificates that they didn't award. Mr. Bulter suggested picking a name randomly from the registration lists if Ms. Chaput still had them and award the certificates to someone

who hasn't already won a prize.

Members estimated that 80-100 trout were caught.

Mr. Butler wanted to thank Mr. Genualdo for the use of his pond and all the work he did to get his property ready. Members thanked Ms. Chaput for all of her efforts in organizing the event.

Mr. Traeger noted he met with the Sandown Mother's Club and encouraged the group to get involved if they have an event they would like to host or plan.

Non-Public Meeting

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, Mr. Butler, Mr. Traeger, Mr. Carey

Other Business

Mr. Butler suggested having the property formerly known as the Dingman property marked and blazed and having it registered at the state. Mr. Traeger suggested waiting until after June 14th and having all properties done at once.

Ms. Merrill Solomon noted she discussed it with Mr. Miller and he would give her a price for the survey plan. Mr. Traeger noted that he would like to ask Mr. Miller to look at a potential vernal pool on a Hoyt Acre property recently approved by the Planning Board to make sure there are no issues.

MOTION: Mr. Butler made a motion to have Mr. Miller go out and verify the property on David Lane to make sure there are no wetlands or vernal pools in the proposed driveway area. Mr. Carey seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

Mr. Traeger also made members aware of a recreation parcel on David Lane that is going to be discussed by the Planning Board. He noted that a resident of that neighborhood suggested a land swap for the existing recreation parcel in that neighborhood for another piece of property that had a small pond which residents use for fishing and ice skating. Mr. Traeger noted the property would be more in line with conservation vs.. recreation. Members agreed it would be worth looking in to.

MOTION: Mr. Traeger made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously in favor. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrea Cairns, Recording Secretary