

Sunapee Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes for January 4, 2017

Present: Van Webb, Tim Fleury, Robert Hill, Gerard Tracey, Rem Mastin, Lela Emery

Charlie Hirshberg presented a culvert (24" pipe) crossing project for an 800' driveway of off North Road property of Brian and Cheryl Culloty. Tax Map 207/11/1 Standard Wetlands App. **Gerry Tracey made the motion to accept the proposal and have Van Webb sign off on the application on behalf of the SCC. Robert Hill seconded the motion. All in Favor 5, (Rem was late)**

Becky Rylander President of the Sunapee Historical Society gave a presentation on the Old Abbott Library. SCC gives input on the buying and selling of Town property. Becky noted there will be no change to the exterior of the building, a handicap bathroom will be put in downstairs, and a handicap access will be added. Notes on the discussion are as follows: The downstairs is approximately the same size as the current thrift store space. Deed restrictions by the town will be in place to ensure the exterior of the building will remain the same. SHS will also keep the museum. SCC member comments "great idea, on board with the project". Is the space enough room for the SHS plans, yes! SHS will fundraise for the purchase of the building. SCC asked if there would be space available to display and store towns Natural Resources map, and protected land map. SCC will make a presentation to the SHS for the request. Other comments included good idea and looks great, all positive for the project going forward. **Gerry Tracey made the motion to support the SHS project and idea presented. Seconded by Rem Mastin. All in Favor 5, Abstain 1 (member of the Sunapee Historical Society).**

Robert Hill made the motion to accept the meeting minutes submitted by Gerry Tracey as written. Rem Mastin seconded the motion. All in Favor 6, Opposed 0.

Rem Mastin made the motion to accept the Treasurers report submitted by Lynne reflecting the following balances as of November 30, 2016. Robert Hill Seconded. All in Favor 6, Opposed 0.

Conservation Commission Fund	\$87,468.50
Dewey Woods	\$1,604.72
Town Forest Fund	\$5,201.36
Bartlett Tyler Fund	\$29,051.70
Total	\$123,326.28

Other notes SCC will receive \$3,750 representing 2016 Land Use Tax

Bartlett Tyler Fund CD will be updated at the end of the year

Mail:

Robert Hill made the Motion to pay the Sunapee Highway Departments invoice for the "clean up after your dog" sign for the Dewey Woods trail. The cost is \$40.34 to be paid out of the General Line item of the Budget. Gerry Tracey seconded the motion. All in favor 6, opposed 0. Van signed the invoice "ok to pay" Lela Emery will deliver to the Town of Sunapee for further processing.

SCC received monitoring report for WMS from ASLPT no problems or concerns reported.

SCC received monitoring report for the Virginia Cooper property on Rolling Rock Rd. no problems or concerns reported.

Carolann and Thomas J. Brophy Wetlands Permit for 154 Garnet Hill Rd, Sunapee to build and install a second 6' x 40' seasonal floating dock with a 6'x6' concrete anchoring pad 245' of frontage. Gerry Tracey signed the Application on behalf of the SCC 12/12/16.

DES Letter of Deficiency received for Dean and Lysanne LaPierre and Craig and Cindy Callahan, 326 Bay Point Rd, Sunapee 146/56 LRM 16-047 SCC no action required.

Standard Dredge and Fill Permit Application was submitted and review for a 23 house lot subdivision on Blueberry Hill Sunapee NH Rt 103B/440 Edgemont Road Sunapee. Gerry Tracey will further review and contact Bob Bell. The application notes impact of 3 areas totaling 6855 sq. ft. Gerry Tracey will report findings at the February Meeting.

SCC Members review RFP draft and set a date of proposals due by April 1, 2017. This is to seek a candidate for creating a New Town Forest Management Plan. Six to eight licensed foresters will be contacted and invited to submit a proposal. The old town forest management plan is available for review by solicited applicants. Interviews will be held at a regularly scheduled SCC meeting. Van Webb is the contact for any questions and is the designated recipient of the submitted proposals. SCC will announce the award of the contract after the August 2 meeting.

Trails: Locals are noticing more traffic on town properties and trails in the area. The concern is some of the parcels large size and unfamiliar to many that fortunately when locals are out on the trail they are coming across explorers that are unfamiliar with the area and are lost or turned around to their actual location. SCC will review language for the easements and review what the commission responsible for. SCC is working on creating a "brochure" of properties with maps and descriptions. Some parcels do not have a kiosk or trail map. In wondering where the increased traffic is finding the properties a search of the town website revealed several plot plans as trail maps. They were noted to be added in August of 2015. These are not sufficient for hiking or other recreational use. Dewey woods is safe with a more detailed map/brochure as well as its size and proximity to roads and is marked with arrows. However Webb Woods/Forest on Harding Hill Road of 300+ acres has no indicators throughout the interior discussion of arrows color coded were discussed more information and insight needs to be gathered to come up with a solution and a plan.