

Sunapee Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes for November 1, 2017

Present: Van Webb, Tim Fleury, Gerry Tracey, Lela Emery

Absent: Rem Mastin out of State for the winter

Van Webb recused himself from the SCC Board and was present as a member of the public. Tim Fleury ran the meeting. SCC members reviewed a plan for the addition of an Agricultural Building at Harding Hill V-Oz Asset Management 0233-0013-0000 for a tractor shed Building permit 24X48. There will be no electricity or water to the building. This property is a LCHIP property with an easement. The easement allows for Agricultural Building. The SCC reviewed the building permit submitted. SCC approved the plan and signed off on the plan. Steve Walker with the office of the state planning will be notified of the review and acceptance of the plan.

Gerry Tracey made the motion to approve the shed on LCIP Land, Harding Hill, per plan and proposal. Lela Emery seconded the motion. All in Favor 3, 1 Abstained – Van Webb recused himself from the committee.

Van Webb was back to the table as Chairman of the Committee.

Laura with Meadowsend Timberlands LTD (MTL) SCC & TOS new Town Forester was present to create a work list for the Forestry Plan. SCC reviewed past monitoring reports. Last Forestry Plan completed was in 2007. Priority for Meadowsend will be LCHIP properties scheduled for November and December 2017.

Tim Fleury made the motion to authorize Van Webb to sign the Forestry Services agreement with Meadowsend Timberlands LTD Ptn and the Town of Sunapee. Gerry Tracey seconded the Motion. All in favor 4, Opposed 0.

Meadowsend submitted an invoice for a deposit to start the work. The initial deposit due is \$2,198.52,

Gerry Tracey made the motion to pay The Meadowsend Timberlands LTD Ptn, PO Box 966, New London, NH 03257 the 20% deposit due on the invoice submitted which is \$2,198.52 out of the Conservation Commission Fund. Tim Fleury seconded the motion. All in Favor 4, Opposed 0.

Meadowsend will mail a copy of the completed signed contract to the SCC.

The SCC members and Laura reviewed each track and compared goals and objectives from the last Forestry Plan. Each parcel will have a list of the areas of important and attributes to develop or protect.

Treatment Plant/Wendall Marsh

Aesthetics/beauty - Yes

Public Trails

Water Quality - yes

Income/wood products -No

Recreation - Yes

Education

Wildlife - Yes

Active Management/Pre commercial - Yes

Cultural Features

Non Forest timber products

The well heads need protection zones and to be monitored. The deed reserves well heads and rights to the Town of Sunapee for public water supply. Locate and flag the well with a protective radius around them of no trail or public paths. Dinna may have a map of the well heads.

Dane Lot

Trails

Overlooks vistas

Interpretive trail/education workshops kiosk

Improvement work

Ledge Pond

Concern – unwanted use – camping and fires

There is a gate

Enhance signage with creative signs, stronger presence, gates

Boundary lines work/posted

Active management – harvest

Little more – a pine & hemlock cut at some point

Recreation – snowmobile, trail work

Aesthetics

Loons/nesting

Gore Lot

Inaccessible to public

Small lot at the end of a private road

Does not require forest management plan

Dewey/Bartlett

Opportunity for timber management on both parcels

Big pine core for age

Hemlock

Water pipe layout on ground to provide water to properties – summer use

Dewey recreation – sawyer trail

Thinning in Dewey

Active management – low impact

Herbert Welch Trail

Dewey – no tree cutting unless improve forest health – Deed wording

Back up – SPNHF

No camping

Try and work on the View on the top of Bartlett

Tilton Morse Lot

Smaller

Co-manage with Recreation Department

Intense Use – SRK trail, playground, disk golf course

Very steep

Limited forest management opportunity

Well defined

Change from management plan to Brochure

Put together a plan but do not collect data

No easement

Look at covenants for deed, it have restrictions

Tree farm plan – do we want it in or out vs time and money when we co-manage (MTL opinion)

Flint Webb Lot

Acreage needs to be clarified – parcel has been added to original lot

Redefine lot – mapping

Open space from Fieldstone Hill development has been added to the original Flint Webb Lot

Right of Way from Fieldstone Hill allows access to Flint Webb parcel

Purchase additional lot in Field Stone hills to increase and secure access to the 60 + acres

Foot access

Huge water swamp

Wetlands

Unique habitats

Boundaries need to be clarified

Pins at opening from Fieldstone Hill/gate

Active management only with better access

Mail:

Permit by notification for Folkins, 126 Garnet ST, Sunapee, 0125/033 Dock revision remove and replace in kind 2 cribs and ramps. Signed by Gerry Tracey 11/1/17

SCC members discussed being a part of the Town of Sunapee 250th celebration in August 2018. Lela Emery will attend the Sestercentennial meetings as the SCC representative.

Tim Fleury made the motion to accept the meeting minutes of October 2017 as written. Motion seconded by Gerry Tracey. All in favor 4, opposed 0.

Van Webb will be attending the Budget meeting on Friday November 3, 2017 at 8 am for the SCC.

Treasurers Report – balances as of July accounting

Conservation Commission Fund \$87,000

Dewey \$1,600

Town Forest \$5,200

Bartlett Tyler \$29,000

SCC members reviewed an Acquisition Cost Analysis of the Wendall Marsh. More of the details on the property need to settle before the parcel can be purchased. Meets and bounds, define area plan, and create an Agriculture Covenant/lease. Best case scenario the SCC could acquire the Marsh for \$69,500.

This would not require a warrant article for funding. **Tim Fleury made the motion to move forward with the expansion of Wendall Marsh based on the Cost estimate presented on 11/1/17. Gerry Tracey seconded the motion. All in favor 4, Opposed 0.**

Potential project time table - submit for comment February 2018 and March 2018 then Selectman Final approval. ASLPT would assist with prep and acquisition.

