

Conservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
11/9/15
Town Hall Annex Meeting Room

Members Present: Dan Coons, Chairman, Lenore Clark, Vice-Chairman, Gail Antonnuci, Ed Roundy, Jeff Marchand, Sarah Silk, Alternate.

Members Absent: Luke Freudenberg, BOS Representative and Alternate, Art Slocum, Randy Tetreault, Members.

Staff Absent: Lee Ann Keathley.

Meeting began ~ 6:30 PM.

I. Consideration of Minutes

October 12, 2015 (regular meeting)

Lenore Clark moved approval of the October 12, 2015 minutes as submitted. Ed Roundy seconded.

Discussion:

Regarding signage at Goodwins Basin, Ed Roundy stated he believes the Land Bank is in favor of signs at both the Bridge Falls Path and at the historic marker, not just the walking path. Dan Coons and Gail Antonucci agreed. Ed Roundy also noted the "Historic Marker Ahead" sign is in place but is difficult to see and will talk to the State about moving it.

Dan Coons, Gail Antonucci, Ed Roundy, Lenore Clark voted in favor. Jeff Marchand abstained. The motion passed.

October 12, 2015 (Dredge & Fill)

Ed Roundy moved approval of the October 12, 2015 Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Gail seconded. Dan Coons, Gail Antonucci, Ed Roundy voted in favor. Lenore Clark and Jeff Marchand abstained. The motion passed.

October 2, 2015 (Dredge & Fill)

Ed Roundy moved approval of the October 2, 2015 Dredge & Fill minutes as submitted. Dan Coons seconded. Dan Coons, Ed Roundy, Jeff Marchand voted in favor. Lenore Clark and Gail Antonucci abstained. The motion passed.

II. Discussion Items

- a. Fernald Properties: Dan Coons signed an MOA with Moose Mountain Regional Greenways stating that the Conservation Commission would pay 1/3 the cost of the appraisal of the properties (2 lots). They have received two bids and will award the job to the lower bidder.

- b. Invasive Species: nothing new to report. We still need to find someone to do the work of removal. Dan Coons will call a licensed pesticide applicator. Jeff Marchand looked into getting licensed via a correspondence-type course, but found the DES website confusing on the matter. Dan Coons stated for a full (commercial) license you need to do an internship with someone for a period of time. Dan Coons has also thought of getting licensed.
- c. Conservation Commission Website: The one created by Mike Hodder (separate from the one linked to the Town's website) is not functioning. Unsure if Mike Hodder took it down or if it expired. Dan Coons asked if anyone would like to rebuild it. Lenore Clark suggested we contact Mike Hodder. Ed Roundy thinks it's advantageous to have a website and would be in favor of spending money to create such. Discussed whether the Front Bay Park brochure is available through the Town's website (unknown). Does Lee Ann Keathley or Terry Tavares maintain and update the Conservation Commission's website link through the Town? Jeff Marchand recalls it being outdated. Dan Coons suggested we look more into social media and possibility of doing a Facebook page.
- d. Goodwins Basin Signage: Lee Ann Keathley was hoping we'd come up with verbiage tonight. Ed thinks it should say the property was made available through the efforts of the Land Bank of Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro, the Conservation Commission, and a "generous landowner." Discussion regarding who that was (owner of Blue Moon Lodges) and whether they might wish to remain anonymous or not, whether it's necessary to have their name/s on the sign, etc. If included, it may help spur other people to donate land/grant easements. Ed Roundy will look into it. The sign should say the name "Goodwins Basin" and that it's maintained by the Conservation Commission. Ed Roundy noted the Land Bank is especially interested in maintaining the scenic vista from the Historic Marker. Sarah Silk noted recent usage by the public.

III. New Business

- a. Dan Coons reviewed the NHACC annual meeting.
- b. Reviewed the State's letter to the Town Clerk regarding the Dredge & Fill application for 144 Springfield Point Rd. to relocate several rocks/boulders. The letter was odd because it was neither an approval, denial, or request for more information as we usually see. The Conservation Commission reviewed this application on 10/2/15, which was the deadline for intervention. Questions whether DES's letter was referencing this particular application (to relocate rocks), or a different one for the same property. Dan Coons will call DES even though the deadline has passed. Discussion regarding two other applications that were denied by DES (Camp Bernadette and Sawmill Marina).
- c. Keith Garrett was looking at the Town's website and found something called the Cotton Mt. Loop Trail off Stoneham Rd. — does anyone know anything? Ed Roundy thinks there's indication of such before you get to the old church (i.e. between North Wakefield Rd. and the church; to the left, if you're facing the church). Sarah Silk said there used to be a 3-ring binder that held information on all Conservation Commission properties but she doesn't know what became of it. Ed Roundy thinks the booklet put out by Appalachian Mt. Teen Project describes it, and thinks it's on private land.

IV. Old Business

- a. McBride Property: Site walk scheduled for this Sat, 11/14/15 at 9:00 am. Lenore Clark will be there a few minutes late.
- b. Whiteface: Dan Coons saw a posting on Facebook from a couple who hiked Whiteface, including photos. Sarah Silk asked about having Community TV do a piece on it (contact's name is Meg: 569-0219, at the high school). Dan Coons would like to have a ribbon cutting ceremony in the spring. Jeff Marchand asked if the trail was finished and Dan Coons replied yes. Art Slocum led a hike from Cowper Rd. He scouted out the new trail and said it's easy to follow.
- c. Ed Roundy provided the letter of recommendation from L.I.F.E. Ministries for the Town Garden intern, to be copied to file.

It was moved by Gail Antonucci and seconded by Sarah Silk to adjourn the November 9, 2015 meeting. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at ~7:15 pm (Gail moved, Sarah seconded, all approved).

Submitted by: Lenore Clark