

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
August 11, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Present: Chair Brad Crosby, Dot Banks, John Earley, Dick Ayers, Brian Mokler and Alternate Katy Wells

Open

At 7:00m Chair Crosby recognized a presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order.

Minutes

Chair Crosby made a ***motion*** to approve the minutes of 07/14/16, 2nd by Dick all were in favor.

Old Business

Town owned lots

Chair Crosby reported that he spoke to Jon Martin a few times in the last few weeks. Mr. Martin let us know the logger moved off our job temporarily due to meeting his quota for hardwood pulp, but will return to the operation next week.

Earth Day

No update.

Field and Forest Trails

Chair Crosby stated that he received a proposal from John Max to do the work needed on the trails of tree removal on the stone wall. Mr. Max's proposal includes the brush hog work and tree removal and the total amount proposed is \$750 and would take 2-2 ½ days to complete. Chair Crosby stated that the commission has been calling contractors and it has been months with no other proposals or quotes received in writing. Chair Crosby made a ***motion*** to accept the written proposal from Jon Max to complete the work on the trails off Eastman Hill Road for brush hogging the clearing and the tree removal on the stone wall on our trails, this money to be expended from the Forest Maintenance non lapsing fund when work is complete and an invoice is submitted, 2nd by Dick all were in favor. Motion passes; Chair Crosby will contact Mr. Max and let him know that he can begin work soon.

Dot reported that she and her husband weed wacked up to the entrance to the Virginia Hutton trail from the Eastman Road entrance.

John Earley thanked Brian for providing the commission with information for their table at the Old Home Day and all the volunteers that helped with manning the table.

Chair Crosby reported that he spoke to Bob Ward regarding the Memo the commission sent to the Planning Board. Chair reports Mr. Ward was happy to hear that someone from the commission would be attending if needed. Katy added that this came up at a recent BOS meeting where Karen Ober was reporting the request of the commission and the BOS were in support of the line of communication being opened for all the land use boards.

Correspondence

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New Business

Chair Crosby recognized resident Doug Surette in the audience tonight who has expressed an interest in the Conservation Commission and possible future membership. Chair took Mr. Surette's contact information.

Chair Crosby also asked the commission members to think about working on another “project” or parcel of land to protect/conserv. Suggestions were the land up on Tower Hill/Bodwell, Swain land, Gardner land, Whitney land or Leighton land. Katy and Chair Crosby will make phone calls and get back to the commission. Chair Crosby will contact Carol in Concord to get possible resolution to the definitions for adjacent land and abutting property for purchasing with the non lapsing funds.

Warrant Articles- tabled until the definitions of what the non lapsing funds can actually be used for.

Adjourn

At 7:40 pm, Chair Crosby made a **motion** to adjourn, 2nd by Brian all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Katy (Wells) North; Alternate member and Secretary