

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 11, 2016

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chair Brad Crosby, Mary Ahlgren, Dot Banks, Dick Ayers; Alternate.

Open At 7:06m Chair Crosby recognized a presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order, appointing Dick Ayers to member for the purpose of the quorum.

Minutes Mary made a ***motion*** to approve the minutes of 01/14/16, with corrections of Karen's name 2nd by Dot, all were in favor.

Old Business

Town owned lots

Chair Crosby reported that the commission recommended to the BOS to put one lot on the warrant for auction and they have for this town meeting.

New Boston Road~ Chair stated that he drove up to the lot and the work had not been started yet so he contacted Jon Martin. Chair stated Jon said it has been too warm to start and depending on the weather Chair was concerned without serious cold this project may not get done this winter.

Earth Day Katy was absent

The commission reviewed the Library's email regarding working in conjunction with the commission to host an Earth Day event having a photo contest for the elementary age kids in town for nature photos. Ian Raymond and Jackie Bonafide, who are photographers, have volunteered to be judges for the contest. Chair Crosby discussed the possibility of prizes for the winners and suggested maple syrup. Dot stated that she will work with the library and also volunteer as a judge. Chair Crosby will look into whether or not the commission can buy the prizes from the budget or possible donations. Dot also suggested a donation from someone of cameras in case kids did not have access to a camera. Dot will talk with Marcia at the Library about this and volunteering. Chair Crosby also volunteered to help with the event for Earth Day at the Library. Dot questioned if the winners need a certificate, Dot will mention this also to Marcia. Mary suggested mentioning to the BOS that the winning pictures be part of the town report next year. Chair Crosby will talk with the BOS to see if this is a possibility for next year's report depending on the pictures also.

Field and Forest Trails update

No update

Mail and Correspondence

Items to be filed from DES.

Owl Brook Hunter Ed Center- Chair Crosby stated that information was provided tonight by Katy to review but he will call to get cost information for the next meeting.

The commission decided that they will wait until next year to plan for payment of any other programs.

Chair Crosby stated there are pamphlets available regarding the tree farm program.

Dot stated that she had a sample Wildlife Action Plan with lists of species for areas of concern to conservation commissions, with suggestions of what communities can do & land trusts can assist with, to help with the plan.

Other

Membership- Chair will check with Marla regarding reappointments. Dot called Steve and left a message to contact Chair Crosby if interested. Chair will contact John Earley. Dot is interested in reappointment.

Adjourn At 7:34 pm, Chair Crosby declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Wells; Alternate member and Secretary (Minutes transcribed from tape recording, subject to any corrections)

