

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

January 14, 2016

### MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chair Brad Crosby, Mary Ahlgren, Dot Banks, Karen Bourdea and Katy Wells; Alternate

**Open** At 7:02m 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 12/10/15, with corrections 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary, all were in favor.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Town owned lots**

Chair Crosby reported that he spoke with Rob Jutton in assessing and the commission has one lot that can be put up for auction, TML 3/23 Moose Run Drive off Hueber Drive. This lot has been up for auction before and did not sell. Chair Crosby made a ***motion*** to recommend to the BOS to place TML 3/23 up for auction, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary all were in favor.

**Earth Day** Listed on the town web site.

Katy reported that she had contacted Marcia at the library and asked if there was any interest in a joint program for Earth Day. Katy stated that Marcia is very interested and asked to get ideas from the commission and we could set something up the week of Earth Day possibly April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The ideas that were discussed were: having a speaker to focus on issues that would involve kids or youth, a nature photo contest, UNH volunteer coverts projects slide shows, connecting trash with animals, bee keepers, frogs& peepers, maybe a local presenter possibly one of the commission members. Katy will email Marcia for input and get back to the commission next month.

##### **Field and Forest Trails update**

No update

##### **Mail and Correspondence**

Items filed from DES.

Chair Crosby reviewed the balances from the treasurer for the non-lapsing funds.

##### **Other**

Mary made a ***motion*** to expend \$300 for the Squam Lake Science Center Pass to be administered by the Library, money to be spent from the Conservation Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dot all were in favor. Katy will get the check from the treasurer and get it to the Librarian. Katy will ask Marcia to keep data for us and report back in October on the usage.

Katy stated that the Barry Conservation Camp rates were not out until mid-January. Mary stated that she would like to see a more broad use of sponsorships. Karen suggested the Ashland Hunter Ed Program; they have workshops on outdoor stuff for kids. Katy will look into this and report back next month.

Chair Crosby made a ***motion*** to pay the annual NH Association of Conservation Commission annual dues for \$270, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary all were in favor. Katy will get the invoice and give to the bookkeeper.

Katy stated that she recently got information on LCHP grants for conservation projects. Karen stated that there are DES grants & mitigation money for easements.

Katy handed out information printed from UNH on "the timber sale contract" for review and future reference. Also Katy handed out information on drafting a purchasing policy for bidding also for future reference.

**Adjourn** At 8:04 pm, Chair Crosby made a ***motion*** to adjourn, 2nd by Mary all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Wells; Alternate member and Secretary