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CONSERVATION COMMISSION – October 28, 2020 FINAL MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by Andy Fulton

Members present: Andy Fulton, Steve Najjar and Mike Camacho via Zoom and Bill Bolton in the conference room.

Absent: Sherry Burdick, Lori Davis

Guests: Town Administrator Naomi Bolton; Tim Lorenz, Weare Winter Wanderers President; and Marc Phillips, Weare Winter Wanderers Trail Administrator

I. DISCUSSIONS

A. Confirm Chairman Position: Andy Fulton stated that the first order of business is to confirm the chairman position for the upcoming year. Steve Najjar moved, Bill Bolton seconded to have Andy Fulton, Chairman. All members voted in favor 4-0-0

B. Appraisal Agreement for Hardwick Property: The Commission received an agreement with Beecy Appraisals to provide a preliminary value estimate of a 116.2 acre parcel of land owned by Blair and Jennifer Hardwick located on Deering Center Road and Tobey Hill Road. The fee for the estimate is \$1,500 - \$1,600. Mr. Najjar moved, Mr. Camacho seconded to authorize Chairman Fulton to sign the agreement with Beecy Appraisals to provide an estimate not to exceed \$1,600 for a value of a 116.2 acre parcel on Deering Center Road and Tobey Hill Road. All members voted in favor 4-0-0

C. Outstanding Meadowsend Bills: Steve Najjar moved to approve and have Chairman Fulton sign the following bills:

7/31/20 \$3,750.00 for appraisal research for the Hardwick property to come from the Conservation Account

9/3/20 \$ 511.20 for final billing for Collins Ledge easement work to come from the Conservation Account

10/8/20 \$ 150.00 for bid process for Hardwick property to come from the Conservation Account

Bill Bolton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor 4-0-0

D. Weare Winter Wanderers: Tim Lorenz, President of the Weare Winter Wanderers was present to follow up from the July meeting regarding the crossing for the new trail re-route on the Woods Conservation Land. Mr. Lorenz showed the commission the bridge design for the intended crossing. The snowmobile club has a handbook provided to the club from DES (Department of Environmental Services) which indicates "no permit required". The snowmobile club hired a soils scientist to view the location of the bridge crossing. The debris and tree that members of the commission saw when out on site was nothing that the snowmobile club did. The

tree was from a storm (blow down) and the traffic footprints were from others than the club. Steve Najjar stated that he would like to see an email from DES indicating that the club is all set. Chairman Fulton asked if there was a motion for approval subject to the email. Bill Bolton stated that he didn't feel that a motion was needed because permission was granted to the club on September 11, 2019. Mr. Lorenz state that he would send an email to the commission with what he gets from DES.

E. Dues Authorization: Steve Najjar moved, Bill Bolton seconded to approve the expenditure of \$425.00 for Conservation Dues out of the operating budget. All members voted in favor 4-0-0

F. Other Business:

Steve Najjar asked if they should allocate money to send any plans received for comment to Kinko's to have them put in PDF so that they could be shared with the commission that way. Town Administrator Bolton stated that the Town has a large printer that can scan plans, but it would be a lot easier if we simply ask the surveyors to submit a PDF of the file. That takes the additional work by the staff to scan plans. Today all plans are done on a computer so a PDF file should be no extra work.

Conservation Commission mail will be scanned and sent to members by the Selectmen's Office.

MTL (Meadowsend Timber Lands) is to do the monitoring report for Collins Ledge and send it to the Society for the Protection of NH Forests with a copy to the Conservation Commission members.

Cortland Avenue boundary markers to be set before acceptance. Town Administrator Bolton can send a request to Keach Nordstrom to make sure the easement boundaries are set as well as the front boundaries set before acceptance. Town Administrator Bolton explained that there is another cluster subdivision where "all" the boundary markers are being verified prior to the Town accepting it. So precedence is set, but will follow up with Keach Nordstrom.

G. Trapping Request: Glenn Dubois from Dunbarton, NH has submitted a request to trap on the Woods Family Forest, as he has in years past. Steve Najjar moved, Mike Camacho seconded to grant Glenn Dubois permission to trap on the Woods Family Forest and to authorize Bill Bolton to sign the paperwork as he is present in person tonight. All members voted in favor 4-0-0

H. Eastman Conservation Area Mowing: The commission would like to have the meadow along the Conservation area on Concord Stage Road mowed as has been done in years past. Steve Najjar moved, Bill Bolton seconded to authorize up to \$400 for Gary Wilson to mow the area and to authorize Chairman Fulton or Vice Chairman Najjar to sign the bill upon completion. All members voted in favor 4-0-0

II. MINUTES:

July 15, 2020 minutes: Steve Najjar moved, Bill Bolton second to approve the July 15, 2020 minutes as written. All members voted in favor 4-0-0

III. NEXT MEETING:

The November meeting happens to fall on Veteran's Day, which is a holiday and the Town Offices are closed, so there are no meetings held that day. The Finance Committee has elected to take Wednesday, November 18th, so the Commission should pick another night. After some discussion the Commission selected their next meeting for Tuesday, November 17th @ 7 PM.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Steve Najjar moved, Bill Bolton seconded to adjourn at 8:29 PM. All members voted in favor 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Naomi L. Bolton,
Town Administrator