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CONSERVATION COMMISSION – July 14, 2021 Final MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Fulton, Bill Bolton, Mike Camacho, Sherry Burdick

Absent: Steve Najjar, Ray Lemay, Marc Phillips

GUESTS: Town Administrator Naomi Bolton,
Piscataquog Land Conservancy Stewardship Coordinator Hailey Nase

Chairman Fulton called the meeting to order at 7:24 pm., welcomed those present to the July 14, 2021 Weare Conservation Commission meeting. Confirming his four member quorum in attendance, Michael Camacho, Secretary; Chairman Fulton himself, Sherry Burdick and Bill Bolton, along with Town Administrator Bolton and guest Hailey Nase.

I. APPOINTMENT

PLC Trails Update

Hailey Nase, Stewardship Coordinator from PLC, presented the Board with her updated Ferrin Pond Trail Guide as it had not been updated since 2013. She is seeking approval to place numbered signs on town land that would correlate with the numbers on the map and guide. Seventeen markers total.

Secretary Camacho asked if her pictures on the guide could be used on the town's website CC page and questioned if the Boy Scouts' signs were still present on the trail. Hailey responded yes, the pictures could be used for the CC page and she suggested taking down the Boy Scouts' signs. She also asked if the CC/town had a logo they would like to add to the printed guide and digital version.

Her guide booklet also has a QR Code on the back page. Secretary Camacho asked if the QR Code could be accessed at the pond. Hailey explained there is no service at the entrance gate, but perhaps one could be placed at the beach area, as there is some service. PLC website will suggest downloading the guide prior to arriving onsite.

Chairman Fulton asked Hailey's advice on having a physical box with maps at the entrance as they had years ago. Hailey responded a physical box of maps lends itself to weather damage and unnecessary maintenance. She suggested the QR Code or gaining prior access online.

Sherry Burdick mentioned a park she visited had laminated maps bound by a ring attached to trees. An alternative if there is weak/no cell service in the area. Hailey replied she could give copies to the town if they desire to make laminated copies, but PLC would not be interested in doing so.

Bill Bolton confirmed the numbers on the guide map could be accessed by downloading with a cell phone. Hailey responded yes, the map is a GEO Reference Map downloaded through an app to follow along. This service was requested by Vice Chairman Najjar stated Hailey. The GEO Reference displays where the hiker is on the map.

Chairman Fulton asked how many markers would be on town land vs. PLC property. Hailey answered #1 - 7 and #13 - 17 are on town land and markers #8 - 12 are on PLC land, all are yellow in color.

Chairman Fulton asked how will the markers be displayed, using aluminum nails on trees? Hailey stated she is proposing to laminate the markers with QR Codes. Many ways to put on trees perhaps using a kiosk.

Bill Bolton moved, Sherry Burdick seconded to grant approval to put up markers with numbers and add the town seal for the markers on town property. Discussion: Chairman Fulton asked the Board for a further discussion. There was none. He thanked Hailey for her attention to the area and eco system. **Passed 4-0-0**

Secretary Camacho confirmed with Chairman Fulton Jeremy Turner, Town Forester, has designated the area for cleanup. Chairman Fulton replied in the affirmative, to follow up with an email to Jeremy anticipating guide locations to be modified by PLC.

II. MINUTES:

May 12, 2021 Minutes: Mike Camacho moved, Sherry Burdick seconded to accept the minutes of May 12th as written, passed 3-0-1 Bill Bolton abstained.

June 9, 2021 Minutes: Mike Camacho moved, Sherry Burdick seconded to accept the minutes of June 9th as written, passed 3-0-1 Bill Bolton abstained.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Planning/Zoning Board no new plans, no new applications

B. NHDES Mail Received

- Thibeault Corp. of NE, 603 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH approved for Clough Park Road, Map 409 Lot 104-1 Shoreland Impact Permit to 3,930 SF of protected shoreland for impact associated with the construction of a primary structure and the installation of a well.
- Gina and William Stevens, 14832 North Calle Del Prado, Fountain Hills, AZ for subject property at 34 Dudley Brook Road, Tax Map 107 Lot 3, denied Standard Dredge & Fill Wetlands Permit application, insufficient and untimely response, RSA 482-A. Chairman Fulton stated the Board needs to keep this decision in mind and watch for activity at the property that may not have been sanctioned by the State. Town Administrator Bolton explained the Stevens, living in Arizona, had mail delays. Their intent is to build their home on the property and will soon appeal to the State within the 30-day window allowed.
- Kyle Pompey, 62 Forest Road, Tax Map 411 Lot 42, Land Resources Management File letter regarding a complaint of possible violations on the property. The complaint alleges a wetland was dredged and filled without a permit or proper authorization from DES.

C. Legal Notice

Encroachment letter from Marcus, Errico, Emmer & Brooks, P.C., Attorneys At Law, Merrimack, NH to David & Sandra Heino, 7 Chester Drive, on behalf of Collins Landing Conservation Easement, Order to Cease, Desist and Remediate. No activity on the land, neither commercial nor residential, and there can be no storage of items, no buildings or outbuildings (such as sheds) and no excavation. Chairman Fulton to forward this letter to Jeremy Turner, Town Forester.

IV. DISCUSSION

A. Town Conservation Land

Bill Bolton bridged the conversation of how conserved town land could be reversed through voting and no longer designated as conservation land. Mentioned prior by Vice Chairman Najjar, stated Bill, it would behoove the town to better protect town conserved land through a different conservancy.

B. ARPA monies

Secretary Camacho stated he has heard from NH State Representative Sherry Dutzy in reference to ARPA funds the CC has bid for. Voting on June 23rd, expecting to hear back after July 4th. Sherry is hopeful for money for everyone.

C. Revised FSA for Mapping

Chairman Fulton shared Vice Chairman Najjar stated there has been a revision for a forestry service agreement. Vice Chairman Najjar revised the *not to exceed amount, total number of hours and the signature date*. An additional \$2000.00 was added for a *not to exceed amount* new total of \$4000.00, *total number of hours* from 26 to 52 hours and a *signature date* of July 1, 2021.

Discussion: Chairman Fulton stated the mapping project is to assembly town conserved data, fee ownership, easement and a GIS based platform. It has become a more significant endeavor than originally planned. Bill Bolton asked if Vice Chairman Najjar was in favor of the revision. Chairman Fulton responded yes. Bill Bolton stated it would be prohibitive to start something and then stop, it is short money. **Bill Bolton moved, Secretary Camacho seconded for FSA 2021-006FF (Forestry Fund) increase hours from 26 - 52 hours and not to exceed \$4000.00.** Chairman Fulton asked for further discussion from the Board. There was none. **Passed 4-0-0**

V. NEXT MEETING

August 11, 2021 @ 7 PM.

Being there was no further business to come before the Board, Bill Bolton made a motion, Sherry Burdick seconded to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Passed 4-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

A True Record.

Karen Nelson

Karen Nelson transcribed from

TA Bolton notes & You Tube recording