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Wendy Stevens

DRAFT MINUTES 5-11-11

Members Present: Andy Fulton, Steve Najjar, George Malette, Mike Dahlberg, Wendy Stevens

Guests: Derek Serach, PLC, Lee Marcroft Selectmen, Paula Bellemore, PLC

Open Meeting: 7:06 p.m.

Meeting Minutes of 4-13-11

George Malette made the motion to approve the minutes of 4-13-11 as corrected, Mike Dahlberg seconded the motion. George, Andy and Mike voted in favor, Steve abstained.

Welcome to Wendy Stevens,

Andy welcomed Wendy Stevens newly appointed alternate to the WCC. Some discussion was had regarding the appointment of Wendy as a voting member for this meeting. Andy pointed out the WCC's By-Laws do not allow for the appointment of an alternate in a non-critical situation, i.e. a quorum, but that Wendy can fully participate in all other aspects of the meeting.

PLC-Breed Brook C.A. Site Walk

The Stewardship report was noted without comment.

Glen Dubois, Trapper

The WCC has received a letter from Mr. Glen Dubois, Trapper thanking the Town of Weare for the opportunity to trap the land known as the "Wood Family Forest".

Mountain Road Issues

Discussion was had about potential illicit activities on Town Property located on Mountain Road in the vicinity of the intersection with Eben Paige Road. Wendy volunteered to document the activity and try and determine if it is actually on town property. Wendy also volunteered to speak with the Town of Weare Police Department to try and establish a rapport with them and explore how enforcement of violations could occur. Paula Bellemore of the PLC offered to send one of her employees to assist Wendy in her site walk and documentation efforts.

PLC-Oliphant/Chevy Hill Conservation Easement

Paula Bellemore and Derek Serach appeared before the WCC to discuss moving the Oliphant/Chevy Hill Conservation Easement forward.

Discussion was had about past budget figures, funding origins and payments made to the PLC by the Town of Weare. Paula spoke of the current budget for the project and stated that the PLC is \$1,274 in the red for the Oliphant project as of 5-11-11.

Andy read from the WCC meeting minutes of March 14, 2007 of the public hearing on the Oliphant Conservation Land purchase.

Andy then spoke of PLC absorbing the \$1,274, clearing the books so to speak so that we can all move forward from the same point. Steve said that he would like to see a full accounting of the closing costs and that the WCC needs to perform it's due diligence on the matter.

Steve spoke of language contained within the C.E., specifically section 2.J, Posting Access. Steve then spoke of section 15.B Appraisal Fees and Condemnation Proceedings.

Eastman Conservation Area Encroachment

While marking the boundaries for the Eastman Conservation Area, specifically in the area of Route 114 and the Weare/Henniker Townline. Apparently one of the abutters to the north has a shed that lies over the property line as noted by one of the Foresters of Meadowsend Timberlands and was also noted by Robert Todd, Land Surveyor. Mike Dahlberg volunteered to look up the abutters and asked Steve Najjar to inquire of Meadowsend if they could point out on a map the immediate area of the encroachment.

Miscellaneous Items

Andy will authorize the invoice from Todd Land Use Consultants for the survey work on the Eastman Conservation Area.

Forestry Services Agreement

Steve presented the Forestry Services Agreement from Meadowsend Timberlands Inc in the Eastman Conservation Area. George made the motion to approve the contract. Steve Najjar seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Holly Hill Buffer Concerns

The WCC was approached by a land owner in the Holly Hill subdivision asking for copies of the approved plan, while all agreed that this is not a WCC issue, Andy said he would try to assist the land owner..

Annual Meeting Proceedings

George Malette nominated Steve Najjar as Vice Chairman, Mike Dahlberg seconded the motion Mike Dahlberg, Andy Fulton and George Malette voted in favor of the nomination Steve Najjar abstained.

George Malette nominated Mike Dahlberg as Secretary, Steve Najjar seconded the motion Steve Najjar, Andy Fulton and George Malette voted in favor of the nomination Mike Dahlberg abstained.

George Malette nominated Andy Fulton as Chairman, Steve Najjar seconded the motion Steve Najjar, Mike Dahlberg and George Malette voted in favor of the nomination Andy Fulton abstained.

A brief discussion of the By-Laws was had and it was agreed by all that no amendments are necessary at this point.

Motion to Adjourn

George Malette made the motion to adjourn at 9:34 p.m. Steve Najjar seconded the motion. All voted in favor.