

Town of Weare

Conservation Commission

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION - MAY 8, 2013 MEETING MINUTES draft

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Fulton.

Members present: Andy Fulton, Steve Najjar, George Malette, and Jeff Jackson Guests: Noah Payeur, Mark Payeur, John Robichaud, Chuck Metcalf

I. Noah Payeur re. Ferrin Pond trail guide update

Noah Payeur presented his BSA Eagle Project updated Ferrin Pond trail guide for comment and approval. He added a station for echo point and removed dated references to grape vines and a porcupine den. He will be putting up new sign boards potentially made of PVC to be more rot resistant than wood. No kiosk is planned. The trail guides will be contained in a mail box. After discussion with the commission, it was decided that the mail box would be located at the bottom of the access road to the left of the stone wall. The trail guide will note that the parking area is at the top of the hill, at the start of the class VI portion of Mountain Road. Noah indicated that he planned a work weekend for May 25/26 and that he hopes to have the project wrapped up in June.

Mr. Metcalf as BSA Troop 24 committee chair requested permission for overnight camping on town property at Ferrin Pond for the evening of May 25. The scouts doing the trail maintenance work would be the ones camping. The scouts would use "leave no trace" camping methods. They would use an existing fire pit or build a small temporary one. Mr. Najjar motioned overnight camping approval and Mr. Malette seconded. All voted in favor of approval.

Mark Payeur requested a copy of the March 12, 2012 WCC meeting minutes. Mr. Fulton indicated he would find and provide the minutes.

II. Re. minutes of April 10, 2013 meeting

Not available for consideration.

III. PLANNING BOARD:

1. There were no Planning Board items to discuss.

IV. NH DES/WETLANDS BUREAU, ETC. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1. There were no DES items to discuss.
- V. The commission discussed an email from Jeremy Turner indicating that after a day's work, Meadowsend personnel had not found any missing monuments but had noted a potential encroachment from a residence (lot 73-28?). Boundary work is ongoing.
- **VI.** The commission discussed its new laptop computer. There is no GIS software to transfer at this point and Mr. Jackson is to email Mr. Fulton when the computer is all set.

- VII. The commission discussed the Reservoir Drive wetland buffer tree cut and soil placement violation noticed by Mr. Najjar and the code enforcement officer's email response to the commission's inquiry. In its advisory role, the commission decided to have Mr. Fulton send a letter to the code enforcement officer regarding the violation and to cc the town administrator and board of selectmen. The letter is to request a certified wetland plan by a professional showing the edge of jurisdictional wetlands, including the 25-foot wetland buffer as per section 28.9 of the zoning code, and a buffer restoration plan to include native plantings. Mr. Najjar motioned and Mr. Malette seconded the drafting and delivery of the letter as indicated. All voted in favor. Mr. Najjar agreed to take a first cut at the letter and to send it to Mr. Fulton for completion.
- VIII. Mr. Najjar inquired regarding the status of an intended wetlands violation report to the DES regarding an abutter to the Oliphant/Chevy Hill Town Forest. Mr. Fulton indicated that it was still on his to-do list.
- **IX.** Mr. Najjar mused about whether we ought to re-evaluate our easement position as they have morphed from the simple document of years ago to something getting overly complicated and costly. Discussion was had and no determinations were made.
- X. Mr. Malette motioned and Mr. Najjar seconded meeting adjournment at 8:48 PM.

Recorded by,

Andrew C. Fulton

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WCC Chair

(Assisted by the notes of Jeff Jackson)