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DRAFT MINUTES 03-09-11

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

Guests: Wendy Stevens, Rick Barry, Derek Serach, Jake Poirier, Stephen Pope

Open Meeting: 7:12 p.m.

Jake Poirier, JSRHS, Senior Project

Jake Poirier presented his plan to implement his Senior Project of placing Wood Duck Boxes in certain wetlands adjacent to Pine Hill Road. Jake made his presentation to the WCC. Jake plans to place the boxes at his earliest convenience. Jake agreed to borrow a handheld GPS Receiver and map the coordinates of the Wood Duck Boxes. Andy inquired of Jake if he knew the owners of the land where the Wood Duck Boxes would be placed. It was the understanding of the WCC that the Wood Duck Boxes would be placed on Town of Weare Land. George made the motion to allow Jake Poirier to place the Wood Duck Boxes, Mike seconded the motion. All voted in favor. A copy of Jake's proposal will be placed in the WCC files.

Derek Serach, Piscataquog Land Conservancy, Chevy Hill-Oliphant C.E.

Derek presented the proposed Conservation Easement of the Chevy Hill and Oliphant Properties. The WCC briefly reviewed the document and made several comments, specifically in regards to hunting, ATV Usage, Hunting provisions, Value re-imbursement. Derek said he would rewrite the appropriate sections and come back to the WCC. Derek said he still had to finalize the easement language, perform baseline data, prepare a closing schedule, consider the Town of Weare monetary contribution and the merger of the two properties.

Open Space Committee (OSC)

Steve Najjar, member of the OSC stated that the OSC met and approval was given by the OSC to the Purrinton CE and the Chuck Bolton CE. There was some confusion between what was understood at the OSC meeting and the projects in terms of scheduling and priority. It was eventually understood that the Purrinton CE needed immediate support by the WCC so that the application deadline for the FRPP could be met. George stated that the Board of Selectmen had approved the granting of funds from the Mildred Hall Fund towards the project. Stephen Pope spoke of the Bolton Project versus the Purrinton Project in regards to the urgency of the FRPP application and the fact that there are not as many projects in the queue as anticipated and the Purrinton Project may have a better chance of gaining approval if it is submitted by the end of March. Wendy Stevens, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee spoke in support of both projects. The financial commitment for the Purrinton Project is \$15,000 and \$20,000 for the Chuck Bolton project. Steve made a motion to write a letter of commitment encumbering \$15,000 of future anticipated income of the Conservation Fund. George seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Andy will send a letter.

Wendy Stevens

Wendy appeared before the WCC to express her interest in becoming an Alternate Member of the Commission. Discussion was had on whether Wendy would have to fill a full member slot or could she apply for an alternate position. The WCC supports Wendy in either case.

Other Business

Equestrian Club: Ann Poole will be invited to attend the April meeting of the WCC to discuss her proposal to utilize certain Town properties for equestrian trails.

Felch Farm Logging

Steve spoke of the ongoing Felch Farm Logging Operation by Jeremy Turner of Meadowsend Timberlands and the Forestry Report. The Forestry Reports are on file with the WCC.

Oliphant Foreclosure

Andy mentioned that the Town received a foreclosure notice for the Oliphant Property and that there may be some complications with the Conservation Easement that was previously sold to the Town of Weare by the Oliphant's. Atty. Laura Spector from Mitchell & Bates is looking into the matter.

Motion to Adjourn

George made the motion to adjourn at 9:32 p.m. Steve seconded the motion. All voted in favor.