

# Town of Weare Conservation Commission

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**Conservation Commission** 

Andy Fulton, Chairman Stephen Najjar, Vice Chairman George Malette Michael Dahlberg, Secretary Wendy Stevens, Alternate

# DRAFT MINUTES August 10, 2011

Members Present: Andy Fulton, Mike Dahlberg, George Malette

Guests: Derek Serach, PLC

Open Meeting: 7:04 p.m.

# Derek Serach, PLC: Oliphant-Chevy Hill, Conservation Easement

Derek presented a brief review and overview of budget items and past payments. Derek stated that Paula Bellemore had met with the Executive Committee of the PLC regarding the funding of the Oliphant-Chevy Hill C.E. and the Executive Committee voted to utilize the "Hughes Fund" for the additional funding needed for this project.

Derek asked about the survey work necessary for the C.E. Andy presented the estimate from Meadowsend Timber Lands (MTL) (\$2,015). Derek said that the PLC budgeted \$3,000 to \$5,000. Discussion was had tegarding the removal of the \$3,000 to \$5,000 from the PLC budget. Derek said he would speak with Paula and revise the budget. Derek said that the PLC was still considering the 50/50 split for the funding of this project. Andy told Derek that the WCC would need to see the final budget. Mike informed Derek that the WCC had voted to remove the Agricultural Provision from the C.E. and that the agricultural language would need to be removed from the C.E. Derek said he would communicate with the WCC via the group e-mail. Andy asked Derek about language in a C.E. that could allow some areas of a C.E. be encumbered with an Agricultural Provision while excluding other areas. Andy informed Derek that the title issue regarding the Oliphant property has been resolved and the title no longer has a cloud over it.

# Derek Serach, PLC: Eastman C.E. Encroachment

Derek asked about the encroachment issue. Andy informed Derek that a letter is going to be sent to the abutting land owner. The WCC is hoping that the matter will be resolved shortly.

Andy gave Derek a brief overview of the tracking program that Barb Beers and her students at John Stark High School conduct within the Eastman C.E.

#### **Chevy Hill Boundary Marking**

Andy presented the MTL estimate to the WCC. George Malette made a motion to approve the contract with MTL in the amount of \$2,015 (plus hourly rates ) to be taken out of the \$10,000 allocation from the Town Forest Fund. If those funds are not available the funds shall be taken from the Conservation Fund. Mike Dahlberg seconded the motion. Andy Fulton, George Malette and Mike Dahlberg voted in favor.

## Barb Beers, JSRHS 2011-2012 School Year Tracking Program in the Eastman C.E.

Andy will e-mail Barb and give her Jeremy Turners contact information so that she can communicate with him directly regarding the proposed Logging Operation to undertaken within the Eastman C.E.

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#### Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2011

A brief discussion was had about the minutes. George Malette made the motion to approve the minutes of July 13, 2011. as amended. Mike Dahlberg seconded the motion. Andy Fulton, George Malette and Mike Dahlberg voted in favor.

#### **Planning Board Items**

Subdivision & Lot line Adjustment and one lot subdivision for Assessors Map 407 Lot 172 and Assessors Map 407 Lot 170. A brief review was made. The WCC has no issues with the plan. However the WCC is curious as to the creation of a 72 Acre Non-Building Lot. Andy will e-mail the Planning Board.

Brookshire Lot Line Adjustment. Brookshire proposes to create a permanent Cul-De-Sac on Eleanor Way. Brookshire proposes to adjust lot lines in the area of the Cul-De-Sac and eliminate the Conservation Easement on Lots 197-17 and 197-18. The WCC is requesting that Brookshire, LLC make a direct presentation to the WCC at the September Meeting and explain their proposal.

## **Capital Improvement Project**

It was discussed and decided that no participation in this program is necessary from the WCC.

#### **Budget Report**

George suggested amending our budget to have all unexpended funds from any Fiscal Year be added to the Conservation Fund. The WCC will discuss this at a later date.

Discussion was then had about outstanding Conservation Fund Commitments. They are: Chevy Hill \$5,500, Purrington \$15,000, Chuck Bolton \$20,000 and the NRI Report \$1,500. Mountain Road Issues ????.

### **SPNHF**

SPNHF is requesting a letter of support from the WCC regarding a Culvert Assessment program. Andy read a draft copy of a letter he composed in support of the program. There was no opposition from members present. Andy will send the letter to SPNHF.

# **Motion to Adjourn**

George Malette made the motion to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Mike Dahlberg seconded the motion. Andy Fulton, George Malette and Mike Dahlberg voted in favor.