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FINAL MINUTES: February 09, 2011

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

Guests: Tom Carr, Paul Doscher, Stephen & Heidi Pope

Open Meeting: 7:16 p.m.

Mountain Road

Tom Carr, CWS of Meridian Land Services appeared before the WCC to discuss the status of the Mountain Road stream crossing project, NH-DES Wetlands Bureau File #2010-03383. The Wetlands Bureau has sent a letter requesting more information dated January 25, 2011. Tom spoke of the waivers requested due to the nature of the crossing and Mountain Road being a Class VI Road. Meridian Land Services is preparing a comprehensive response to the items in the letter from DES and shall be submitting the letter in the near future. Jeremy Turner of Meadowsend Timberlands, contracted Town Forester has written a letter regarding the required deck width of the proposed crossing accommodating a logging truck and associated timber harvesting equipment. Steve asked about load calculations of the proposed structure. Tom stated that Michie Corp. has provided a data sheet for the load capacity of the proposed structure.

Potential Conservation Projects

Paul Doscher, SPNHF attended the meeting to present to the WCC two potential land conservation projects. The first being the Chuck Bolton Property on East Street. Paul explained to the WCC that Chuck Bolton has agreed to place a conservation Easement on the majority of his land for 1/6 of the appraised value. Paul spoke of the potential for future Town of Weare Water Well locations on the property due to the fact that the property lies over a known aquifer and that there would be language in the easement deed to that effect. Paul has asked the WCC to consider a \$20,000 contribution towards the project costs. Steve mentioned contacting NH Fish & Game for potential funding from the Habitat Fund. Paul stated that public access would be allowed as part of the easement. Andy suggested that Paul speak with the Open Space Committee and inform them of the project. The second project Paul presented was the Dale Purington property on Quaker Street consisting of 83 Acres. Paul spoke of possible funding sources such as the Piscataquog Land Conservancy, The Mildred Hall Fund, The Russell Foundation and a contribution by the land owner. Paul stated that public access would be allowed. Andy suggested that Paul speak with the Open Space Committee and inform them of the project. The WCC is in support of these projects, however no commitment of financial support is made at this time.

Stephen & Heidi Pope

Stephen and Heidi Pope appeared before the WCC to discuss their land on Barnard Hill Road and Mary Hadley Road. Stephen Pope presented a conceptual plan to the WCC outlining a potential 4 lot cluster subdivision with associated open space and the possibility of participating in the NRCS WRP (Wetland Reserve Program). Mr. Pope stated that he has spoken with representatives from the WRP

and also with the County Forester John Nute. The WCC supports the project in its conceptual form and would forward an e-mail to the Planning Board to that effect.

November 17, 2010 Minutes

Discussion was had about the minutes. Minor revisions were mentioned by Steve. George made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Steve seconded the motion. Andy, Steve and George voted in favor. Mike abstained.

January 19, 2011 Minutes

Discussion was had about the minutes. Minor revisions were mentioned by George. George made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mike seconded the motion. Andy, George and Mike voted in favor. Steve abstained.

Wetlands Bureau Correspondence

Bob Bailey Map 407 Lot 189, NH-DES Wetlands Bureau File #2011-00103, Request for more information. Mr. Bailey has submitted the project to the Division of Historical Resources for review.

Forest Management Plans

The WCC is in receipt forest management plans for Bartlett Brook Town Forest and Chevy Hill Town Forest prepared by Jeremy Turner of Meadowsend Timberlands. WCC members agreed to review the plans prior to the next meeting in March and present their comments, if no comments were made the approval of the Forest Management Plans for the projects would be granted.

Open Space Committee

Steve, a member of the Open Space Committee stated that there are only three members on the committee and he questioned the viability with such a small amount of members. He then spoke directly to the TV audience about the need for additional volunteer members. Steve suggested placing a spot on the Local Channel 6 and possibly placing an ad in Piscataquog Land Conservancy news letter stating that the Open Space Committee in Weare is looking for additional members.

Lake Horace Marsh Restoration Project

Andy stated that the final report being submitted to DES by Normandeau Associates has been completed and that the WCC has received a hard copy and a digital copy if anyone is interested in reading the report.

Motion to Adjourn

George made the motion to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Steve seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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