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CONSERVATION COMMISSION – JANUARY 19, 2011 Minutes (FINAL)

(meeting postponed from January 12th due to snow storm)

Members in attendance: Steve Najjar, George Malette, Andy Fulton

Guests: Bob Bailey, Tim Camp

I. Andy called meeting to order at 7:12 PM

II. Review of minutes of November 17, 2010 held until February meeting

III. PLANNING BOARD:

1. **1/4/2011 LLA, James F. Laura and USA, 407/91&92** – the plan was reviewed and notice of such was to be passed along to Planning Board without comment

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

1. **12/22/2010 Standard Dredge and Fill Application, Bailey, 407/189, Rte 149** – Mr. Bailey was in attendance and expressed his intention to construct a driveway to his property requiring upgrade of an existing culvert. Steve noted that the existing brook crossing is a stone box culvert and expressed concern that the culvert was subject to state Division of Historical Resources review. Andy to express concern to Wetlands Bureau and re-emphasize Weare's 25' wetland buffer ordinance. Mr. Bailey commented that this was the only reasonable access to his property, that he would like to be able to establish a single home on it, and that he would like to see the parcel farmable again. He considers a conservation easement to be a desirable future arrangement. It was noted that the land is proximal to Perkins Pond and associated NH Fish & Game lands.
2. **12/29/2010 Request for More Information, Mt. William Corp Inc., re. Standard Dredge and Fill Application, 408/133&135, File #2010-03100** – No one could recollect for certain what the application was for. It was decided that Andy would contact Kirsten Pulkkinen of the Wetlands Bureau to inform her that the Conservation Commission had received no additional information from the applicant and for project clarification.

V. OTHER ITEMS:

1. **Meridian wetlands permitting invoice** – Andy signed the second invoice from Meridian for the Mtn Rd. stream crossings permitting work and forwarded it to Tina.
2. **NHACC membership invoice** – Andy was to hold the invoice for annual membership dues until after the March Town Meeting.
3. **Eastman CA boundary marking** – Steve made motion and George seconded to approve expenditure of \$1,585 from the Town Conservation Fund to retain Robert B Todd – Land-Use Consultants to establish or re-establish four boundary monuments on the Charles and Ethel Eastman Conservation

Area. The chosen assistance was selected over a second proposal that cost a little bit more and offered a marginally less in services. All voted in favor. Steve made motion and George seconded authorization for Andy to sign a contract for services with Robert B Todd – Land-Use Consultants. All voted in favor.

4. **Forest management plans** – Town contract forester Meadowsend Timber has prepared forest management plans for the Bartlett Brook and Chevy Hill town forests. The plans are to be discussed next meeting.
5. **Budget** – Andy commented that our 2011 budget as proposed would be included on the Town Warrant. The proposed budget was \$1,355.
6. **Town Forest article** – Andy was to email Naomi regarding the status of the proposed warrant article for continued Town Forester services to be paid for from the Town Forest Account.
7. **Maple sugaring** – Tim Camp was in attendance to move along his request for maple tapping on a portion of the Corliss Woods subdivision open space land owned by the Town. Mr. Camp presented forms signed by the three direct abutters in the subdivision indicating their lack of objection to Mr. Camp's tapping intentions. The abutters included Daniel J. Erickson at 10 Corliss Drive, Shannon Ouellette at 16 Corliss Drive, and Ricky Houde at 20 Corliss Drive. George made motion to approve the requested tapping and there was no second. Steve made motion to approve the requested tapping with the understanding that Mr. Camp would donate 1 gallon of maple syrup to the Weare Food Pantry per 100 taps, in pint or quart sized syrup containers. Mr. Bailey indicated that the Food pantry would gladly accept the syrup. All voted in favor and the Commission approved Mr. Camp's request. The approval is for a one season period and is subject to re-evaluation following the completion of the season. Andy was to compose an agreement to have available for presentation to Mr. Camp at the February meeting.
8. **Meadowsend Timberlands Ltd Ptn** – Andy signed an invoice for \$1,049 for contract forester services associated with the Eastman Conservation Area boundary maintenance project to be paid from the Town Forest Account from funds approved by the 2010 Town Meeting. Steve to forward invoice to Tina.
9. **Felch Farm Town Forest amended forestry notification** – Steve noted that this is for continued harvesting operations in the town forest. A contract for this work was authorized in November 2010.
10. **Piscataquog Land Conservancy monitoring notice** – PLC has completed 2010 monitoring as required as conservation easement holder. PLC noted some dirt bike (motorcycle) usage of the property and suggested that boundary signage may help address the illicit use. The monitoring did not raise any major concerns.
11. George noted that he printed a copy of the Piscataquog River Watershed Management Plan Update prepared by the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission and that a Weare/Henniker equestrian trail group is forming and is interested in trail riding in Weare.

VI. George motioned and Steve seconded meeting adjournment at 9:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew C. Fulton
Conservation Commission Chair