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CONSERV

ATION COMMISSION **DRAFT** MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2019

Present: Andrew Fulton, Stephen Najjar, Michael Camacho, Sherry Burdick, Lori Davis, Bill Bolton. Also present: Jim Ferrente, MTL, Jeremy Turner, MTL.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

I. WEARE TOWN FOREST MANAGEMENT PROGRESS REPORT #19 APRIL 2019

Jeremy G. Turner, Managing Forster of Meadowsend Consulting Co., rose and reviewed the report:

- a. Felch Farm Timbersale will begin once ground conditions allow.
- b. Woods CA Timbersale: Piscataquog Land Conservatory is considering a timber sale as long if it's okay with the Town – large meadow and wetlands areas there. There are many stakeholders in this effort. i.e. NHB, TNC, UNHCE, WP&R. Discussion ensued on how small-whorled pogonia plant species, which is globally endangered, grows in patches on this property in June. TNC holds the decision in whether the timber sale will be allowed. Jeremy stated his primary concern is using low impact methods during the cutting. He said all work would be completed at each owned area before moving on to the next area. Sherry asked if the cutting areas are near the protected plants? Jeremy responded no, absolutely not. Regular forestry and enhanced light on the ground will be encouraged. Jim explained that the hydrology must be similar to what exists now in order to be successful for plant during this process. June is the prime window for these flowers their prime season. The ground is very dry and offers a very different scene for the plant culture. The cutting date will be sent to the Chair, and he will let everyone know.

- c. Collins Ledge Condo Assoc. The request for proposal process produced two proposals so far for bidding; Mellon and Meridian and each were very similar. Jeremy will provide the Commission with the specifics of each bid once he has the information to share. 40 corners were not set on the property, so this needs to be fixed. Stephen asked if the easement was the property boundary. Jeremy answered, yes. Stephen then reviewed the map, and replied this is not the case and needs further clarification. He also requested that property owners who are interested in Conservation Commission

planning and harvesting forest should be asked to pay the bill too; The Forest Society and others should be asked to participate in paying for this project. Stephen continued to speak, and thinks the plat is inadequate and the Town will probably want a proper one. We should re-group, get a recordable plat, check with Town attorneys, get an agreement drawn up with the owners. Jeremy explained that he will get all info back to the Commission, as requested.

d. 2019 Invasive Species Control treatment program: Follow-up not to exceed to 5K. Work is being done in Ferrin Pond Conservation Area and the Eastman Conservation Area. We are treating a reddish purple berry plant using a glyphosate blends; Sherry asked about Knot weed out there or other infestations that might be around. Jeremy added not much, and the Eastman fields are getting better and better.

e. Town Forest signs: Signs are printed and ready to go. Jeremy asked about what type of sign holder the signage should have. Stephen stated that the Commission likes the standard and traditional styles. Jeremy will provide examples to choose from.

f. Pollinator site review: MTL will look at this when doing the follow-up on invasives - 3rd growing season.

g. Meadowsend Timberlands, Ltd. Pn; Invoice #3-1054, dated 3-31-19: This invoice needs to be revised, as the total amount has gone over what is allowed. Invoices should be separated from the Town Forest account vs. Town Conservation vs. FSA account. Invoice #3-1014 - invoice needs to be revised to fill this request. Andrew stated that invoices need to be sent to the following to facilitate faster payment: Beth in Finance, Conservation Commission chair and vice-chairman.

h. Stephen reviewed the 2019 Forestry Services Agreement received from Meadowsend Consulting Co. and moved to spend up to 5K to control invasive species on town forest lands, but stated the contract needs to end at fiscal year, not in June 2020. Lori seconded, and all were favor.

i. Ball Farm. There are missing the pins and the locks on the gate.

II. Minutes

➤ December 12, 2018 – Lori moved to approve, Stephen seconded, all were in favor.

➤ January 9, 2019 – Lori moved to approve, Stephen seconded, all were in favor.

III. Planning Board

a. Shawn & Denise Hawkes; Evangeline Wilson; Brandon & Melissa Hawkes for a Lot Line Adjustment located at Tax Map #408, Lots 184 & 184.1; Tax Map #411, Lots 157 & 157.1 – Conservation Commission

General Knox. As the Chairman reviewed the plan, discussion ensued. Stephen pointed out the conservation easements were not labeled correctly; A suggestion to Planning Board: need a note back to plats back to easements; 36-252 and 36-253 show conservation easement that was on both parcels 408-184 & 408-157..

b. Keith Mulholland – Site Plan Review, Tax Map #411, Lot 150 located at 781 So. Stark Highway. Andrew stated this is a logical place to have a car shop; straight forward and therefore, no comment from Commission.

IV. NHDES/Wetlands Bureau, etc. Correspondence

a. Dennis & Amanda Chase per Wetlands Permit Application at 64 East Shore Drive, Tax Map #101, Lot 031 (application received by the State of NH on 3-21-19) Andrew stated the expedited request was refused.

b. Robert D. Naser 1998 Trust – Notice of Wetlands Permit Application (3-15-19) and Shoreland Permit #2019-00712, Issued 4-2-19. The permit description: impact 11,450 SF of protected shoreland in order to construct a primary structure with a driveway and install a septic system on Old Town Road , Tax Map 109, Lot 041. The Chairman stated Code enforcement is responsible for this matter.

V. Other

a. NH Association of Conservation Commission FY 2019 Membership Dues – Invoice #574/10-9-18. Commission approved invoice.

VI. Officer Elections

a. The chairman requested that the Board elect officers for the new year. Lori moved advance the officers to continue for another year. Sherry seconded, and the motion passed, 6-0.

b. Annual meeting prompts review of bylaws. Stephen requested changes to strike part C in its entirety. Lori moved, seconded by Andrew and all were in favor. Section 5 – Commission members in part C (ex-officio member and town warden) should be stricken. Weare Open Space Committee - leave Chair only and Section B goes. Stephen moved, and Lori seconded. All were in favor.

VII. Next meeting

*May 8, 2019

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Provencher

Transcribed from notes