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CONSERVATION COMMISSION – June 12, 2019 MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by Chairman Fulton

Members present: Andy Fulton, Steve Najjar, William Bolton, Lori Davis, Michael Camacho

Guests: Bethany Fulton

I. DISCUSSION

A. Conservation Training Scholarship

Mr. Fulton recused himself from consideration of this item. Vice Chairman Najjar moderated. Ms. Bethany Fulton distributed a flyer from the Barry Conservation 4-H Camp, Junior Conservation Officer Training, to the Commission. Ms. Fulton requested scholarship to attend the Junior Conservation Officer Camp. Ms. Fulton stated that scholarship from the Commission has been granted the last two years. Ms. Fulton explained the benefits she will gain from this experience. Mr. Bolton **Motioned** to grant Bethany Fulton a \$300.00 scholarship to attend the Junior Conservation Officer Camp with funds coming from the Conservation fund. Ms. Davis seconded. Four Members approved 4-0.

B. Glenn Dubois Letter

Mr. Dubois sent a letter to the Commission thanking them for allowing him to trap on town land. Mr. Debois indicated that this year's bounty included several beaver. He had no luck with fisher. Mr. Dubois plans to trap next year, and will send a letter requesting permission.

C. NHDES Correspondence Received

Complete Forestry Notification for work off Gould Road sent to the Commission. Approval sent with standard conditions.

Wetland Permit issued to landowners on Horace Lake. Work will include shoreland alteration and pier replacement.

Complete Forestry Notification for work off River Road. Approval sent with standard conditions.

D. NH Timberland Association

NH Timberland Association invoice for 2-year membership renewal received. Meadowsend paid \$60.00 invoice in April.

E. Proposals for Collins Ledge Easement Survey

Jeremy Turner, Town Forester (Meadowsend), contacted five survey companies to Collins Ledge survey. In addition, the need for a survey was posted online. Two proposals were received. One from Don Mellon Surveying, out of Hillsborough, and the other from Meridian Land Services, out of Amherst. Don Mellon proposal totaled \$21,800. Meridian's proposal totaled 22,000. The itemized pricing was broken down and discussed, and the commission decided Don Mellon's proposal had a firmer pricing bid. Phase 2 of the proposals, which includes land owner approved blazing, does not need to occur at this time. Mr. Bolton **Motioned** to accept the Don Mellon Surveying proposal, which will be funded by the Conservation Fund, for \$21,875 to complete phase 1 of the proposal. Mr. Bolton Recommends that Mr. Fulton sign the contract with Don Mellon. Ms. Davis seconded. Four in favor, 1 opposed (Fulton), 4-1. It was noted that contract should be with town and not Meadowsend. That point needs to be noted on the signed proposal and confirmed with Jeremy.

F. MTL Invoices

Invoice 3-1014: Meadowsend invoice 1054 needed to be revised. An administrative fee for sign work was included that brought the invoice to \$552.50. The total minus administrative fees came to \$520.00. This invoice is numbered 3-1014 and Commission authorized payment out of the Town Forest Account.

Invoice 3-1014B-CF: Commission authorized payment of \$950.00 out of the Conservation Fund for sign work completed by Meadowsend.

Invoice 3-1014C-CF: \$184.00 from Conservation Fund for Administrative signage work.

Mr. Najjar **Motioned** the commission to authorize payment of invoices 1014 as designated. Ms. Davis seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Invoice 4-100Forest: Mr. Najjar **Motioned** the commission to authorize payment of \$76.25 from the Town Forest Account for NH Timberland Association two year (2019-2020) membership fee through Meadowsend. Ms. Davis seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Invoice Forest-F-APR: Mr. Najjar **Motioned** the commission to authorize payment of \$650 from the Town Forest Account for Meadowsend hourly work (Wood Family Forest harvest management). Mr. Bolton seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Invoice 5-112ConCom: Mr. Najjar **Motioned** the commission to authorize payment of \$32.50 from the Conservation Fund for Meadowsend 0.5 hour work on Collins Ledge. Mr. Bolton seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Invoice ConsFundAPR: Mr. Najjar **Motioned** the commission to authorize payment of \$130 from the Conservation Fund for Collins Ledge hourly work. Ms. Davis seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Invoice 5-113ForFun: Mr. Najjar **Motioned** the commission to authorize payment of \$65.00 from the Town Forest Account for pin/lock work on Gate at Poor Farm. Ms. Davis seconded. All in favor 5-0.

G. Other Items

Woods forestry work is complete. Felch Farm is not.

Selectman should sign Forestry Notifications in the future, as they are the landowner.

DL Hardwick needs Felch Farm Town Forest harvest work contract executed. Mr. Fulton signed on November 20, 2018. Mr. Najjar **Motioned** to retroactively accept Mr. Fulton's signature for the harvest contract with Hardwick. Mr. Bolton seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Najjar **Motioned** to approve May 29, 2019 minutes. Ms. Davis seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Mr. Najjar **Motioned** to approve April minutes as amended. "Ball Farm" needs to be changed to "Poor Farm." Ms. Davis seconded. All in favor 5-0.

The Commission received 4 plans in May. Two plans were for lot line adjustments, and two were subdivisions. To note from plan review: The Lull Road Survey plan (411/358) should have wetland scientist stamp.

A letter mailed to Mr. Fulton indicated that a home on Route 149 may have installed a non-permitted driveway which may encroach on the 25-foot wetland buffer. Mr. Fulton indicated that he will forward the letter to code enforcement.

Mr. Bolton inquired on the status of the boundary pinning for the Courtland Ave. development. Homes are occupied and the road is now paved. The concern is, without clearly marked boundaries, new homeowners might not understand the limits of their properties and put the easement-protected open space at risk. Mr. Fulton will email the Weare Board members requesting an update to the Courland Ave project, and that the Board does not release the bond with the developer until the Town Engineer has confirmed the monument placement.

II. NEXT MEETING

Conservation Commission meeting to occur on July 10, 2019.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Najjar **Motioned** to adjourn at 9:05 PM. Ms. Davis seconded and passed collectively with a 5-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Camacho

(Compiled by Michael Camacho, edited by Andrew Fulton)