

Windham Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2013

Attendance

Commission Members

Wayne Morris, Chairman – present

Jim Finn, Vice Chairman – present

Pam Skinner – present

Lisa Ferrisi – present

Bernie Rouillard – present

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes

APRIL 11, 2013 Public and Non-Public – motion to approve as amended by Mr. Rouillard, 2nd by Ms. Skinner, approved (4-0, Mr. Finn abstained).

Discussion

Recreation Committee-Nashua Road Field Swale Funding Request – Dennis Senibaldi representing the Recreation Committee, followed-up on their earlier request for funding from the Conservation Commission for \$5,000.00 to help pay for repairs to drainage at the soccer field on Nashua Road. Mr. Morris and Rouillard had walked the site on the previous Saturday to view the drainage issue and observed that the swale on the east side of the field is poorly graded and that groundwater seepage from the higher terrain to the east as well as some drainage from the swale along the rail bed from Londonderry Road is being retained there. Mr. Rouillard reiterated his earlier thoughts that this is a maintenance issue and funding for it should not come from the Commission's Land Acquisition Fund which is derived from Current Use Taxes, but from budgeted funding. Mr. Rouillard also questioned what exactly was being proposed to correct this drainage problem and if a plan was developed detailing the corrective work and indicating a scope of work for the estimated cost of \$15,000.00. It was noted that previously the Commission has voted to release funds from the Land Acquisition Fund non-land acquisition uses such as work on the Rail Trail. Mr. Finn motioned that the Commission appropriate \$5,000.00 from the Land Acquisition Fund for this work contingent upon submittal

of a plan detailing this work that meets the Commission's approval, seconded by Ms. Ferrisi, Motion approved (4-1) .

Moeckel Pond Test Pits – Dianna Fallon representing the Friends of Moeckel Pond, presented a plan indicating locations of three test pits that they wish to make in the bed of the pond adjacent to the dam. She requested that the Commission support the Dredge and Fill Application for these pits which are necessary to determinethe subsurface soil conditions supporting the dam. It was pointed out that presently these pits are to be excavated in the pond bed that is presently dry and that the proposed pits are located away from the Golden Brook stream channel. Motion made by Mr. Finn to approve this request, seconded by Ms. Skinner. Motion approved (5-0).

Moeckel Pond Clean-up – Ms. Fallon pointed out that Scouts from Troup 266, removed a canoe from the Pond bed as well filling and removing several bags of trash, the preceding week. Also, that Pelham Conservation Commission is taking on the clean-up and removal of trash along Moeckel Pond Road and adjacent wetland that is in Pelham.

Park Ranger funding request – Due to lack of information for this request, the Commission tabled it until the next meeting.

Whelan Subdivision “No-cut buffer easement” – A memo from Elizabeth Wood, Community Planner was reviewed by the Commission regarding the mechanism for administering the proposed “no-cut buffer easement” on this subdivision. Based on input from the Town Administrator two options were presented. One, that a Private Deed Restriction for the buffer be placed on these lots and duly noted on the Subdivision Plan. Second, that a “no-cut buffer easement” be dedicated to the Conservation Commission, which would be enforced by the Commission. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Rouillard and seconded by Ms. Ferrisi to support the Private Deed Restriction option. Motion approved (5-0).

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No cases for review.

TRC Review/Comment

No cases for review.

Correspondence

DES (Department of Environmental Services), notice of Water Supply Land Portection Grant Fund availabilitiy.

Letter from DES regarding file #2013-00848.

Non-Public Meeting

Motion made by Pam Skinner to go into Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3, ii (,d) for purpose of discussion of land acquisition at 8:31 pm. 2nd by Ms. Ferrisi (passed 5-0).

The Commission discussed the Taylor Farm property and that it was anticipated that the Taylor's will come before the Commission soon to discuss specifics of a proposal.

The Commission discussed whether to pursue the purchase of land-locked parcels located within the Conservation Lands located off Route 28.

Motion made by Ms. Skinner and seconded by Ms. Ferrisi to adjourn from Non-Public and Public at 8:45 pm (passed 5-0).

These minutes are in draft form and have been submitted for approval by Bernie Rouillard.