



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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January 8, 2004

Bruce Anderson – Chairman
Lisa Linowes – Vice-Chairman (Absent)
Rick Adams – Secretary (Absent)
Tom Seniow – Member (Absent)
Pamela Skinner – Member
Dennis Senibaldi – Member
Bernie Rouillard – Alternate
Terri Lucas – Alternate

Alternate Appointment

The Chairman appointed Mr. Rouillard to replace Mr. Adams and Mrs. Lucas to replace Mrs. Linowes.

Steve Walker – Conservation Easement Monitoring

Mr. Walker outlined the Easement Monitoring and Stewardship Program offered by LCIP. The Land Conservation Program (LCIP) was established in 1987 with the acquisition portion running until 1993. During the five years the program was operated, 100,000 acres of land were protected through fee simple acquisition or conservation easements. The State of New Hampshire protected 60 parcels (50,752 Acres) by outright purchase (fee ownership) and an additional 25,911 acres by conservation easements. At the local level the LCIP Program supported projects in 78 communities. This resulted in the protection of 90 parcels (5,955) acres through fee ownership and 158 parcels (18,258 Acres) through conservation easements. In the year 2000, a successor program was launched, the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (L-CHIP). Both programs have similar backgrounds but are independent of each other. The Major distinction is that L-CHIP acquires conservation interests while LCIP ensures protection of existing conservation values of protected lands in perpetuity. Mr. Walker provided a packet of information that explains the monitoring services offered by LCIP.

Ross McLeod & Dianna Fallon – Landry Family Conservation Easement

Mr. Ross McLeod reported on the October 14, 2003 site visit to the Landry Family Conservation Easement. Both Mr. McLeod and Mrs. Fallon checked past violation areas such as Heritage Hill Road and the stone wall disturbance. Mr. McLeod provided report for the Commission with copies for Mrs. Noyles and the Rockingham County Conservation District. Hunters were on the property the day of the site visit and there was evidence of ATV use; all with the landowner's knowledge and permission. An in-ground, surface-level, water control grate was installed at a junction area for erosion control and trail stabilization. A roadside easement sign and sign shelter have been installed near the

edge of the easement along Lowell Road. The trail blazing that had been observed on the prior site visit is fading and there is no evidence of additional fresh blazes. The Heritage Hill Road easement access has been restored and gated. There was no evidence of abuse. Fresh brush cutting alongside trails was observed in two places. The brush was dead and dry so it had been there for some time. The cistern is now covered over its top with fencing. Some wood was replaced on the bridge. The pond is transitioning to a shallow marsh. There is no standing water and the area is filled in with shrubs but the ground is soft and appears to be wet often. The report has the following suggestions:

- Easement markers at boundaries
- Trail map: Tim Schreiner and GPS
- Actual survey map of the site
- Information sheet for the backside of the roadside easement sign
- Stonewall disturbance - How to construct a physical constriction?

The report also includes 24 photographs of the easement. Mr. Senibaldi motioned and Mrs. Lucas seconded the motion to reimburse Mr. McLeod the amount of \$60.39 for color copies and reimburse Mrs. Fallon \$17.97 for film and developing. Passed unanimously.

Wayne Morris – Trails Committee

Mr. Morris explained that he needs a letter of support and permission from the Conservation Commission to go along with an application to the Trails Grant Program. The maximum grant is \$20,000; 80% paid by the state and 20% paid by the Town of Windham. The deadline for the applicant is January 23, 2004. Mr. Rouillard motioned that the Chairman write a letter of support and permission. Miss Skinner seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. Mr. Rouillard motioned that the Conservation Commission will support the Trails Program Grant for \$4,000.00 over a two-year period to come from the Conservation Land Use Fund. Mrs. Lucas seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Dianna Fallon – Biothon

Mrs. Fallon advised the Commission that the Rockingham Land Trust will have a Biothon Fund Raiser on June 5, 2003. Derry, Newmarket, Exeter, Hampstead and Windham were selected to participate. In a Biothon a group of skilled naturalists, birders and botanists jointly visit a property and identify as many species as possible in a certain period of time at a certain location. Pledges are made for each species identified. As many species as possible will be identified during a four-hour time frame. Identification would help to build a list of species that can be used when building a trail map or applying for grants. Miss Skinner motioned to participate in the Brothon Fund Raiser. Mrs. Lucas seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Carol Dirksen – Recreation Committee

Mrs. Dirksen presented to the Commission a Project Definition Report for the Windham Town Beach. Beginning in April 2004 the Recreation Committee is looking to make safety and beautification enhancements to the Town Beach. There have been no major upgrades to the Town Beach in over 7 years. The Recreation Committee approached the Department of Environmental Services for a Dredge & Fill application for sand replenishment and are looking for approval from the Conservation Commission for the new sand to be added at the shoreline of Cobbetts Pond to the beach house and to the planting beds which will house privacy shrubs. Sand replenishment will be on land only; no sand will be added to Cobbetts Pond. Mrs. Lucas motioned that the Conservation

Commission would be supportive of the Recreation Committee's Dredge & Fill application regarding sand replenishment at the Town Beach. Mr. Senibaldi seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

McIntosh Hollow – Planning Board Request for Comments

After reviewing the submitted plan the Conservation Commission supports the use of a hammerhead as opposed to a cul-de-sac. The hammerhead will require less paved surface and therefore has a smaller environmental impact. Miss Skinner motioned that the Commission will support the hammerhead because of less impact. Mrs. Lucas seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

90 Indian Rock Road Special Permit – Planning Board Request for Comments

The Conservation Commission will provide comments after their tentatively scheduled January 17, 2004 Site Walk.

Minutes

Miss Skinner motioned and Mr. Senibaldi seconded the motion to accept the October 23, 2003 minutes as written. Passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lucas motioned and Miss Skinner seconded the motion to accept the December 11, 2003 minutes as written. Passed unanimously.

Other Business

Planning Board Report – Miss Skinner

Plan for Wells at Castle Reach can go forward.

Spruce Pond Plan can go forward.

Review of Zoning Board Cases

After reviewing Case numbers 1-2004 through 5-2004 the Commission had no recommendations or comments because the cases did not fall within the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.

The Members discussed an application for a Temporary Surface Water Discharge Permit that was prepared by Sanborn, Head & Associates, Inc. for the NH Department of Transportation for the former Windham Marine site, 17 Harris Road. The dewatering activities are planned as part of NHDOT's realignment of Route 111. A letter from the DES addressed to the NHDOT states that the DES accepts the report dated October 31, 2003 regarding a site investigation with comments regarding assessment of potential contamination sources, soil contamination, groundwater contamination, surface water contamination, solid waste issues and required actions.

Mail

- Letter dated December 8, 2003 from Attorney Campbell regarding preliminary title examination of King property.
- Letter dated December 10, 2003 from Arlene Allen, Compliance Specialist, Wetlands Bureau of the DES regarding 53 Cobbets Pond Road.
- Copy of a letter dated December 29, 2003 from Wetlands Bureau of the DES, to Mr. Joseph Alosky regarding 19 Viau Road regarding the Minimum Impact Expedited Application. A decision on the application will be made in 30 days.

- Copy of a report dated December 29, 2003 from H. Keith Dubois, Waste Management Division of the DES, to Mr. Dale O'Connell, NH DOT Bureau of Environment regarding former Windham Marine Site, 17 Harris Road.
- Letter dated January 2, 2004 from Mr. George Fredette, President of SFC Engineering regarding a parcel of land for sale.
- Copy of letter dated January 6, 2004 from Attorney Campbell to Attorney Donovan regarding unsuccessful efforts to resolve missing conveyances of a title search.

At 9:20 PM Mr. Senibaldi motioned to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 to discuss land acquisition. Miss Skinner seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for January 22, 2004 at 7:30 PM in the Planning & Development Office.

These minutes are in draft form and are respectfully submitted for approval.