

Windham Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2012

Attendance

Commission Members

Wayne Morris, Chairman – present

Jim Finn, Vice Chairman – present

Pam Skinner – excused

Lisa Ferrisi – present

Bernie Rouillard, Alternate – present

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

The Chairman appointed Mr. Rouillard to sit for Ms. Skinner

Approval of Minutes

August 23, 2012– motion to approve by Mr. Rouillard, 2nd by Ms. Ferrisi, approved (3-0, Mr. Finn abstained).

Review/Comment

The Commission reviewed a letter from the Southeast Land Trust (SELT) regarding the consolidation of the Blanchard and Rau parcels of land which are in a Conservation Easement held by the SELT into one lot of Conservation Land designated as the Windham Town Forest. The Commission discussed this and the fact that two parcels of Town-owned land which comprise a part of the Windham Town Forest have not been designated as Conservation Land. The Commission after discussion agreed with the SELT that these two parcels of land under easements held by them should not be legally merged with the other Town-owned parcels for the purpose of maintaining their legal bounds for monitoring purposes. Mr. Rouillard motioned to have the Commission submit a warrant article for this coming Town Meeting to designate the two Town-owned parcels of land as Conservation Land, 2ND by Ms. Ferrisi, approved (4-0).

The Commission discussed an apparent violation of a Right of Way (ROW) Easement to Conservation Land (Windham Town Forest) off of Goodhue Road. The easement which is through a lot in Derry has had a garage structure constructed with in it and it appears that ATV's use this ROW to enter into the Conservation Land going past a sign which prohibits ATV

use on this parcel. The Commission decided that a letter be sent to the landowner with this ROW stating that ATV use is prohibited on Conservation Land.

The Commission discussed the concept of having funds collected by the NHDOT for mitigation of wetland impacts within Windham for the construction of the enlarged I-93 be designated for acquisition of Conservation Land within Windham. The Commission is to send a formal letter to the NHDOT with copy to the Board of Selectmen requesting this.

The Commission decided to table for today's meeting discussion of the 2013 Conservation Commission Budget.

The Commission discussed a possible wetland violation on Fellows Road (Lot 16-C-100) and on 12 Collins Brook Road (Lot 16-L-354) and reviewed letters from the Community Development Office and DES regarding this item.

Correspondence

New Business

The Commission has informally contacted the School Board regarding the transfer of School Land to Conservation to conclude the agreement past in a 2008 Warrant Article where Conservation Land was transferred to the School Board for the construction of the High School. This transfer has yet to be made. The Commission decided to formally send a letter to the School Board with copy to the Board of Selectmen requesting that this transfer be concluded soon.

Non-Public Meeting

Motion made by Ms. Ferrisi at 8:35 pm to go into non-public per RSA 91-A:3, II for the purpose of land acquisition, 2ND by Mr. Finn. approved (4-0).

Re-convened into Public session at 9:05 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 9:06 pm made by Mr. Ferrisi, 2nd by Mr. Finn.

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