

Conservation Commission
February 12, 2009
MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chair Brad Crosby, Vice Chair Wayne Elliott, Mary Ahlgren, Evelyn Auger, Lindley Kinerk and Steve Ober; Selectmen's Representative.

Open

At 7:04 pm Chair Crosby recognized the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order.

Minutes

Mary Ahlgren made a **motion** to accept the minutes of 1/08/09, and correctly spelling her last name in all spots, 2nd by Chair Crosby, all in favor.

Old Business

Lots for Sale

Chair Crosby will double check with Rob Jutton in Assessing to make sure we are all set to be on the warrant this year.

Virginia Hutton Trail, walk

On hold until spring, walk and clean plans then.

Contact-discussion of protection of land-Steve

No update

Swain Update-Steve & Brad

No update.

Travel on Conservation land of motorized vehicles-Katy

Katy reported that she has looked in old Conservation files and has come across some information that may be relevant to what transpired in the past between the Conservation Commission and the snowmobile and ATV clubs, but nothing is specific. Katy will contact Jodi Slack and request a copy of maps for snowmobile trails and a contact for ATV Club info.

Possible Easement-Dion's Property

Rob Dion was invited tonight and joined the Conservation Commission in a discussion about the possibility of an easement on his property. Chair Crosby informed Mr. Dion that the commission was concerned with the upfront cost of a Conservation Appraisal that it will be needed for the process of the conservation easement. It was recommended to Mr. Dion that he and his wife seek tax consultation for the possible tax benefits of and easement to protect this land and the possible difference of benefit if it was sold. Mr. Dion will speak with Chair Crosby in a few weeks and Chair Crosby will report in March.

Potter Property ~ land donation

Chair Crosby reviewed the letter from Jack and Eva Potter, regarding their offer of donation of 4 acres of land. Mary Ahlgren made a **motion** accept the land donation from Jack and Eva Potter of 4 acres, TML 17/42 to the Town of Sanbornton for Conservation purposes. (no 2nd)

Discussion: Evelyn Auger questioned the use of the property for conservation purposes and also questioned whether or not it will be open to the public. Evelyn also reminded that there once was a discretionary easement on this land from 2002 and would like to know that the benefits of accepting this land will be.

Mary Ahlgren withdrew her **motion**.

Chair Crosby asked if Evelyn would look into the zoning and development possibilities for this property and the prior discretionary easement and report back in March. There was also some question of the cost for accepting the donation and what that might be. Steve Ober suggested inviting the Potter's to the next meeting to answer any questions the Commission may have. Chair Crosby will call Jack Potter and invite him to the March meeting.

New Business

Evelyn Auger reported that the Sanbornton Planning Board has been working on updating the requirement of common land. Evelyn described the original use of the "common land" in a sub-division and the SPB has voted to do away with common land and add a more realistic solution to the regulations requiring that what ever the set aside now is, that it be outlined in only one deed.

Chair Crosby acknowledge the "letter to the editor" that Katy had brought in, regarding concerns on Black brook road and the mention of conservation area. The Commission discussed and decided this is not of our concern and that the issue itself will probably go before the people at town meeting.

Correspondence

Chair Crosby noted that he has reviewed all the correspondence in the mail box. There are files that need to be made for proper storage of these documents.

Adjourn

Mary Ahlgren made a **motion** to adjourn at 9:02pm, 2nd by Wayne Elliott, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Katy Wells
Secretary and Alternate Member