

Conservation Commission  
May 14, 2009

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chair Brad Crosby, Vice Chair Wayne Elliott, Mary Ahlgren,  
Lindley Kinerk, Katy Wells; Alternate; and Secretary, John Earley and Steve Ober; Selectmen's Representative,

**Open**

At 7:00 pm Chair Crosby recognized the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order.

**Minutes**

Mary Ahlgren made a **motion** to approve the April 9, 2009 minutes as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chair Crosby all were in favor.

**Old Business**

*Lots for Sale*

Katy reported that she has spoken to Rob Jutton and that Article 15 on this year's town warrant passed, there fore there will need to be a meeting to sit down and come up with a process for the sale of these lots. The Commission discussed the process done before and some suggestions for this time, more discussion after meeting with assessing department.

*Virginia Hutton Trail, walk*

Katy reported that she has located the map and information for this trail. Mary Ahlgren requested she make copies and have them available in the Town Office and the Library. Chair Crosby, Lindley and John will all be getting together on June 2 to do some trail clean up and re-blazing of the markers.

The map and directions were also located for the Heritage Trail.

*Contact-discussion of protection of land-Steve*

Steve reported that he had spoken with some of the Swain family members regarding the protection of their land. Steve will get more packets from LRPC for and distribute them to family members and then follow up and get back to the commission.

*Travel on Conservation land of motorized vehicles-Katy*

Katy reported that the travel on conservation land or other parts of town land are brought before the BOS and approved with stipulations for each request. Travel on conservation land, if permitted, follows state guidelines as well.

*Possible Easement-Dion's Property*

Chair Crosby reported he spoke with Mr. Dion and that he and his wife are looking to get \$95k from the sale of the parcels. (total 11 acres) Chair Crosby discussed that before the commission makes him an offer for an easement, we should move forward with getting the quotes for the conservation appraisal. Mary Ahlgren made a **motion** to proceed with the conservation appraisal on the Dion's property on Burleigh Hill Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Elliott all were in favor. Chair Crosby will contact two appraisers to obtain bids. Chair Crosby will also contact Mr. Dion with this update.

It was noted that private money may be available if we can go forward with this acquisition.

*Potter Property ~ land donation*

On hold. Chair Crosby spoke with Mr. Potter and told him that it would cost about \$2K for a perimeter survey of the 4 acre lot for gift. This is not a dead issue, just on hold until decisions are made on how to proceed.

*Claridge Update*

Steve reported that he spoke to Mr. Claridge and he was going to speak to his wife and get back to him.

**New Business**

**Membership- Election of Officers**

Katy reviewed that this was the first meeting after town meeting and that election of officers were in order; also the Conservation Commission information listed in the town report was incorrect. Mary Ahlgren made a **motion** to re-appoint Brady Crosby to the Conservation Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Elliott all were in favor. (term expires 2012)

Wayne Elliott made a **motion** to re-appoint Mary Ahlgren to the Conservation Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad Crosby all were in favor. (term expires 2012) Mary Ahlgren made a **motion** to have the BOS appoint Brain Moekler as an Alternate to the Conservation Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Elliott all were in favor. (term expires 2012)

Steve Ober stated he will request of the BOS to stay on as our selectmen's representative.

Wayne Elliott made a **motion** to appoint Brad Crosby as Chairman, 2nd by John Earley all were in favor, Brad accepted. Lindley Kinerk made a **motion** to appoint John Earley as Vice-Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Ahlgren all were in favor, John accepted.

Steve Ober just wanted the commission to know that there is a large parcel of land that may come up for sale, TML 16.020.01 & 16.020.02, it is worth preserving.

**Cemetery dedication**

May 25, 2009 at 10:00 am, all are invited.

**Correspondence**

Mary Ahlgren noted that she was pleased to see that the files have been started and she encourages the completion, hopefully soon.

**Adjourn**

Wayne Elliott made a **motion** to adjourn at 8:45pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Ahlgren, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Katy Wells; Secretary and Alternate Member