

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

September 10, 2015

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Chair Brad Crosby, Karen Bordeau, Steve Ober, Dot Banks, John Earley and Katy Wells; Alternate, Dick Ayers; Alternate

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

Minutes Chair Crosby made a *motion* to approve the minutes of 08/13/15, with corrections 2nd by Dot, all were in favor.

Old Business

Town owned lots

Chair Crosby reported the BOS signed off on Jon Martins new timber management contract for the New Boston Road Lot TML 25/18.

Earth Day Listed on the town web site.

Field and Forest Trails update

John reported that he has met with Dr. Willett and the commission was presented with a donation check for \$5000 for additional work to be done on the trail system on the Eastman Hill lot. The money will go into the Forest maintenance account and be earmarked with the balance of the funds from the previous donation. Katy will deliver the check to the Treasurer and notify the Town Administrator that it needs the BOS attention to accept the funds. John presented the commission with maps of the trails and the outline of the property they known as the Town Forest on Eastman Hill Road. John reviewed the maps that outline a few cellar holes, two of which are currently on the town property and Dr. Willett would like to see them incorporated into the trail system, in addition to have someone explore/research the history of the cellar holes and incorporate these historic sites as part of the trails system. The abutting property is owned by the Moses family and it 50 +/- acres TML 4/21. John stated that Dr. Willett would really like to see the third cellar hole on that corner of the Moses property incorporated on that side of the trail system somehow. John stated that discussion with the current owners, the Moses could include purchasing of the corner of the lot or purchase of an easement etc. The commission discussed and decided that John will contact Charlotte Tibbetts, daughter of the Moses and open the dialogue regarding the property. Chair Crosby and John Earley will go to speak with Ms. Tibbetts and have an exploratory conversation for future uses, benefits and town use for the combination of the abutting properties.

John also reported that he contacted the New Hampton School regarding the volunteer students that will come to do trail maintenance and clean and trim the trails on 09/28/15, the students will receive credit for their community service. John will purchase small snacks for the students.

Mail and Correspondence

Items filed from DES.

Tree Warden ~ Steve reported that a few members met with Andy Fast the County Forester on Wednesday morning. The lots that were certified were the Eastman Hill lot, Tower Hill lot, the Dr. True Road lot and the New Boston Road lot. Andy recommended that updated information on the management information on the lots in the future be reviewed. Steve also reported that the Emerald Ash borer is here in Sanbornton, Chair Crosby visited a few Ash trees with Mr. Fast.

Other

Budget ~ Steve made a *motion* to submit a level funded budget for FY17, 2nd by John all were in favor. Katy will submit the budget to the BOS and Budget Committee.

Chair Crosby signed the invoice for \$296 for the annual dues for the NH Association of Conservation Commissions. Katy will turn into the bookkeeper for payment.

Adjourn At 7:48 pm, Brian made a *motion* to adjourn, 2nd by Chair Crosby all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Katy Wells; Alternate member and Secretary