

Approved February 22, 2016

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

Date: January 25, 2016

Place: Mallett Hall

Time: 7:00PM

Members Present, Matt Welch, Rosemary Whitney, Sherry Dietrich, Ruth Hannan

Guest: Angela Horne

The meeting was called to order at 7:10PM.

Sherry agreed to take minutes for Ruth who will be arriving late. The minutes of the December 28, 2015 meeting were read. On a motion by Matt Welch and seconded by Rosemary Whitney the minutes were accepted with the following amendments. Include headings for the agenda items as follows:

- 1. Place Call to Order at top of agenda.**
- 2. Place Secretary's Report next and include that Ruth reported a quorum was not present for the November meeting but that she and Sherry who did attend discussed various issues.**
- 3. Place a heading for Old Business above first paragraph in the minutes.**
- 4. Place a heading of New Business for second paragraph in the minutes.**
- 5. Place a heading of "Other" for the third paragraph of the minutes.**

Old Business

- 1. Matt reported he attended the January 11, 2016 selectmen's meeting and explained to them our decision for cleaning up Map 5 Lot 50, the historic mill site. Our aim is to coordinate our work with Earth Day which occurs in April. Before that time we will sled out some of the big trash items to the roadside for pick up in April's metal collection. We will have to decide when to sled this out while snow is on the ground. Then in April we will use volunteers to help us remove invasive species from the dam abutment. Matt further reported he had contacted Selectman Jon Morris about having the Boy Scouts help but Jon has not reported back to him with anything definite.**
- 2. Matt also reported that our Road Commissioner, Calvin Beaumier, has yet to walk the Elmwood Road town parcel, Map 9, Lot 43, to assess the culvert vs. use of rocks to alleviate a drainage issue.**
- 3. Sherry also attended the selectmen's meeting to present a letter outlining her issues with the town's Impact Fee Ordinance. See attached copy of letter.**

4. The Recreation Committee chair, Kathy Hogue, had also attended this meeting and asked that the selectmen set a joint meeting with the Recreation Committee, Conservation Commission and the Selectmen. This was scheduled for February 8, 2016 at 6:00PM in Mallett Hall.

New Business

Matt and Rosemary suggested we make a list of possible projects to present to the selectmen at the Feb 8 meeting. The following are some from the Conservation Commission and others:

1. Map 5 Lot 50 cleanup
2. Elmwood Cemetery walking trail
3. Map 9 Lot 43 culvert vs.rocks drainage solution
4. Transfer of Open Space Impact Fees to Stewardship funds
5. Outdoor recreational projects
6. Organized/guided nature walks
7. Buy the Map 5, Lot 48, 1/1/2 acre mill site across river from abutment
8. Snowmobile trails
9. Surveys of town properties

Matt reported that the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions appears to have dissolved. We are not sure what this does to our membership.

Next meeting. It was agreed to schedule our regular meeting directly after the February 8 meeting with the selectmen and Recreation Committee.

Meeting adjourned 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted


Sherry Dietrich

Secretary, pro tem