

Pownal Conservation Comm. Meeting Minutes 1/27/14 ~~DRAFT~~

Present: Matt Welch, Derek Lovitch, Sherry Dietrich, Rosemary Whitney

*Minutes of 11/25/13 were read and accepted

*Matt reported the he had signed and submitted the Forest Harvest report.

*Ruth referred a letter from the Town Clerk stating the the PCC stewardship fund had a Balance of \$5,775. Selectman, Tim Giddinge said a portion this fund had been used. Ruth being absent was unable to report on this detail.

*Discussion Topic: Assoc. of Maine Conservation Commissions

Matt forwarded a copy to PCC members of the most recent newsletter of the ME Assoc. C.C. and recommended all review it as t seemed to cover relevant info for us . Discussion re joining he Assoc. The cost for a Town of our size would be \$140/year. Money to cover this cost would come out of the Stewardship Fund, and the PCC must submit a written proposal to the Selectmen for approval of such an expenditure.

Sherry moved that we pursue membership in the ME Assoc. of C.C. and Matt seconded the motion. Passed.

Rosemary will write draft Selectmen's letter for proposing that PCC become a member for 3 years at a total cost of \$420.

*Map 6 Lot 67: Matt reported that he signed and turned in the PCC letter to the Selectmen. He had a brief informal conversation with Tim and who seemed a bit surprised at PCC's strong stance.

Discussion if we should share our letter with the Historical Society and Planning Bd. Sherry said she had had a discussion with the PB and that they had no problem since it was a sale to an abutting property owner. It was agreed to contact the Historical Society.

Matt will forward out letter to the Hist. Soc. And the to Secretary of the PB. Stating that we would like to share information with them on this topic .

*Invasive Species Day: Saturday morning April 19 was decided upon to meet with volunteers on the Goddard Rd Lot and continue our Honeysuckle removal project

* "Feathers Over Freeport": A family birdwatching event April 26 that attracted @ 2,000 people last year. Derek asked if PCC wanted to have a presence at the event in the form of a display table to increase public awareness of PCC. General agreement that a n informational display board could be helpful to have for many functions. Derek is going to research pricing. ?does anyone know of a graphic designer in town who might volunteer services to help.

*TO DO next meeting:

1. Work on design, maps, and info for display board
2. update from Selectmen on proposed land sale
3. Devlop details for Invasive Species Day, brainstorm for volunteer sources

Next meeting Feb. 24th.