

POWNAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES APPROVED

DATE: NOVEMBER 28, 2016

TIME: 7:00PM

PLACE: MALLETT HALL

**MEMBERS PRESENT: MATT WELCH, SHERRY DIETRICH, ANGELA HORNE,
ROSEMARY WHITNEY**

1. CHAIR MATT WELCH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:10PM

**2. SECRETARY'S REPORT. IT WAS NOTED MEMBER RUTH HANNAN HAD
RESIGNED. SHERRY AGREED TO BE SECRETARY. ON A MOTION BY MATT AND
SECONDED BY ROSEMARY, THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2016 MEETING
WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.**

3. OLD BUSINESS

**A. MAP 8, LOT 9. NO OTHER INFORMATION. THE COMMISSION WILL
CONTINUE TO MONITOR.**

**B. MAP 5, LOT 50, SURVEY OF THE HASKELL DAM ABUTMENT SITE. THE
TOWN OFFICE REPORTS SURVEYOR JOHN MANN HAS SAID HE MAILED POWNAL
HIS REPORT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO CHECK WITH THE OFFICE.**

**C. ELMWOOD CEMETERY "HISTORIC CEMETERY TRAIL" (FORMERLY
CALLED "ELDERLY TRAIL"). MATT PRESENTED A PATH REPAIR ESTIMATE FROM
HIGH POINT LANDSCAPING FOR \$7396. (SEE ATTACHED) HE IS ALSO IN
CONTACT WITH ALBERT BLACKSTONE FOR AN ESTIMATE BUT HAS NOT HEARD
BACK YET. MEMBERS SUGGESTED HE CONTACT CRAIG VOSMUS, CEMETERY
COMMISSION MEMBER, FOR HIS INPUT. AT OUR NEXT MEETING WE AGREED
OUR GOAL WOULD BE TO WRITE A PROPOSAL FOR THE SELECTMEN AND
REQUEST IMPACT FEES FOR OUR PROJECT.**

RELATED TO THIS ISSUE SHERRY REPORTED ABUTTER JUDY ADCOCK CALLED HER TO PRESENT HER CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROPOSAL. AS A NATIVE OF POWNAL, SHE HAS GROWN UP AND LIVED NEXT TO THIS CEMETERY MOST OF HER LIFE. SHE FEELS NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE TO IT. IT IS USABLE NOW FOR WALKERS. SHE DOES NOT RECOMMEND GRAVEL PATHS AS THEY WOULD BE HARD FOR HER TO WALK ON NOR WOULD SHE LIKE PAVED PATHS. HER COMMENTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE MINUTES.

D. SETTING ASIDE A YEARLY AMOUNT OF MONEY EVERY YEAR TO SURVEY TOWN OWNED PROPERTIES. A DISCUSSION ENSUED OVER HOW BEST TO DO THIS. MATT AND ROSEMARY SUGGESTED WE IDENTIFY A LOT WE FEEL NEEDS TO BE SURVEYED AND WHY, THEN PLACE IT ON A TOWN MEETING WARRANT. MATT SAID TOWN WOOD LOTS WILL AGAIN BE DUE FOR LOGGING IN 2020 AND POSSIBLY THIS COULD BE OUR "TEST CASE". JUST ASKING THE CITIZENS TO SET ASIDE A POOL OF MONEY EVERY YEAR WITHOUT SPECIFIC GOALS WAS NOT A GOOD IDEA. MEMBERS AGREED AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLORE THIS ISSUE.

MATT RETURNED TO THE ISSUE OF LOGGING TOWN OWNED PROPERTIES. THE COMMISSION WAS NOT HAPPY WITH THE WAY PREVIOUS LOGGERS HAVE DONE THE WORK. HE PROPOSED INVESTIGATING LOGGERS WHO WOULD USE HORSES AND DO LESS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY. THE CONSENSUS OF OUR GROUP WAS THE IDEA WAS A GOOD ONE TO EXPLORE.

E. MAPS. WE WILL LOOK AT IFW MAPS AT OUR NEXT MEETING.

4. NEW BUSINESS. NONE.

5. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:20PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


SHERRY DIETRICH, SECRETARY

DECEMBER 1, 2016---SENT COPY OF OUR OCTOBER 29,2016 CEMETERY WALK TO JUDY STAPLES PER HER REQUEST.