

POWNA CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES APPROVED AS AMENDED 3/27/2017

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2017

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: MALLET HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: MATT WELCH, SHERRY DIETRICH, ROSEMARY WHITNEY

MEMBER ABSENT: ANGELA HORNE

GUEST: HEIDI RICHARDS, RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBER

AGENDA:

1. CHAIR MATT WELCH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM.
2. THE JANUARY 23, 2017 MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS AMENDED. ON PAGE 3, PARAGRAPH #2, LINE 3, THE QUESTION MARK WAS ELIMINATED.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. HASKELL MILL SITE. NO FURTHER INFORMATION FROM THE SELECTMEN. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR.

B. HISTORIC ELMWOOD CEMETERY WALKWAY PROPOSAL. ROSEMARY PRESENTED THE DRAFT OF HER LETTER FOR REVIEW. SEE ATTACHED COPY. IT ADDRESSED OUR PROPOSAL VERY WELL. ON A MOTION BY MATT WELCH AND SECONDED BY ROSEMARY WHITNEY, MEMBERS VOTED TO HAVE ROSEMARY AND ANGELA WRITE AND SEND A SECOND E-MAIL DRAFT FOR THE COMMISSION TO REVIEW. SHE WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE CEMETERY COMMISSION.

C. EARTH DAY. MATT SUGGESTED HAVING VOLUNTEERS ^{clear on} "CLEAR-CUT" ^{* amended 3/17/2017} THE SKIDDER TRAILS IN THE ELMWOOD CEMETERY AND EXPLORE THEM. DATE WILL BE SET LATER.

D. FORESTRY PROJECT INVENTORY CHECKLISTS. MONITORING OUR WOODLOTS IS PART OF OUR FORESTRY PLAN AND INVENTORIES NEED TO BE DONE. MATT WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT DR. KAREN RICHTER-HALL TO SEE IF HER BOY SCOUTS WOULD LIKE TO DO THIS PROJECT. MATT WILL ALSO CALL JEREMY STULTZ, THE PROJECT CONTACT PERSON, FOR HIS INPUT.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. ROSEMARY SUGGESTED FLAGGING THE WOODS AREA IN THE CEMETERY FOR PEOPLE TO VISUALIZE OUR OBJECTIVES. SHE IS WILLING TO DO THIS AFTER THE SNOW MELTS. NO ONE OBJECTED.

5. OTHER

A. HEIDI RICHARDS ASKED ABOUT ANY RULES FOR PUTTING OBJECTS OR STRUCTURES ON TOWN OWNED LAND. SHE SAID THE RECREATION COMMITTEE HAS TALKED ABOUT THIS. ROSEMARY SUGGESTED THE RECREATION COMMITTEE PUT A PROPOSAL TOGETHER FOR THE SELECTMEN..

C. MATT PRESENTED A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE RE: INVASIVE SPECIES.

D. ROSEMARY REPORTED SHE HAD ATTENDED A MEETING ON THE 5YR MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE BRADBURY MOUNTAIN CORRIDOR. SHE SAID THERE ARE NO MORE MAJOR PLANS FOR TRAILS. MANAGEMENT OF THE CORRIDOR IS THE ISSUE NOW. SHE ALSO SAID SHE WAS PLEASED FORMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER, DEREK LOVITCH, IS ON THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE CORRIDOR.

FOR NEXT MEETING MARCH 27, 2017 (1)ROSEMARY AND ANGELA WILL HAVE "TWEAKED" OUR ELMWOOD CEMETERY PROJECT LETTER TO READY FOR THE SELECTMEN; (2)MATT WILL CALL JEREMY STULTZ. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:20PM.

Sherry Dietrich

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, SHERRY DIETRICH, SECRETARY

MARCH 3, 2017—COPY OF JANUARY 2017 MINUTES GIVEN TO KATHY HOGUE, CHAIR OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE.

* Amended 3/27/2017 - Words "clear cut"
changed to "clear on".
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