

POWNAW CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES APPROVED AS CORRECTED APRIL 24,2017

DATE: MARCH 27, 2017

TIME: 7:00PM

PLACE: MALLETT HALL

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

AGENDA:

- 1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05PM.**
- 2. THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2017 MEETING WERE APPROVED AS AMENDED. ON PAGE 1, UNDER OLD BUSINESS, LETTER C THE WORDS "CLEAR CUT" WERE CHANGED TO "CLEAR ON".**
- 3. OLD BUSINESS**

A. HASKELL MILL SITE. MAP 5 LOT 48. SHERRY REPORTED THAT SELECTMAN TIM GIDDINGE SPOKE WITH FORMER SELECTMAN FRED FAUVER AND ROYAL RIVER CONSERVATION TRUST ALAN STEARNS RELATIVE TO OPTIONS THE TOWN MIGHT PURSUE FOR OBTAINING THE PROPERTY. TIM SUMMED UP AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. NEITHER FRED NOR ALLEN WAS MUCH HELP OTHER THAN THE SELECTMEN COULD MAKE AN OFFER AND SEE WHERE IT GOES.**
- 2. OWNER OF MAP 5, LOT 50* WILL BE MEETING WITH POWNAW'S CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (CEO) TO DISCUSS WHAT HE CAN DO WITH HIS PROPERTY.
*CORRECTED TO READ "LOT 48" AS OF APRIL 24, 2017.**
- 3. THE SELECTMEN HAVE NOT HEARD MORE FROM THE STATE OFICIALS RELATIVE TO FLOOD PLAIN ISSUES.**
- 4. TIM MAY CALL THE OWNER ANYWAYAND APPRISE HIM OF THE TOWN'S INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY.**
- 5. MEMBERS AGREED TO MONITOR THE ISSUE.**

B. HISTORIC ELMWOOD CEMETERY TRAIL PROJECT. ROSEMARY AND ANGELA DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF THEIR FINAL DRAFT OF THEIR LETTER TO THE SELECTMEN OF OUR PROPOSAL FOR USING IMPACT FEE MONIES. INCLUDED WAS A MAP OF OUR PROPOSED HORSESHOE STYLE PATHWAY.(SEE ATTACHED COPIES). AFTER MEMBERS REVIEWED THE LETTER ROSEMARY AND ANGELA AGREED TO PREPARE A FINAL COPY FOR THE SELECTMEN. THEY WILL ALSO SEND A COPY TO THE CEMETERY COMMISSION WITH A COVER LETTER.

C. EARTH DAY. THIS YEAR EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22, 2017. OUR PROJECT IS TO WORK CLEARING DEBRIS/BRUSH FROM THE SKIDDER TRAILS IN ELMWOOD CEMETERY. VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED. MATT WILL CONTACT DR. RICHTER-HALL AND HER BOY SCOUTS. ANGELA WILL CHECK WITH FREEPORT HIGH SCHOOL AND SHERRY WILL CONTACT THOSE WHO HELPED LAST YEAR.

D. FOREST INVENTORIES. MATT REPORTED HE HAD MADE SEVERAL COPIES OF THE INVENTORY SHEETS AND DROPPED THEM OFF AT DR. RICHTER-HALL'S TO SEE IF THE BOY SCOUTS WOULD TAKE ON THE TASK. HE ALSO CALLED JEREMY SCHULTZ, THE CONTACT PERSON FOR OUR PAST FORESTRY PROJECT, TO LET HIM KNOW WE WOULD BE DOING THE INVENTORIES. MATT SAID JEREMY THINKS POWNAL IS ELIGIBLE FOR TREE FARM STATUS. MATT TOLD HIM WE COULD BE INTERESTED IF THERE WERE NO FEES INVOLVED. JEREMY WILL CHECK AND GET BACK TO MATT. OUR NEXT HARVEST IS POSSIBLY DUE IN 2 YEARS ON MAP 9, LOT 43 ON THE ELMWOOD ROAD.

E. MATT SAYS HE CONTINUES TO EXPLORE HORSE DRAWN LOGGING OPERATIONS . THEY MIGHT BE AN ANSWER FOR THE ELMWOOD LOT AND BE BETTER THAN USING HEAVY EQUIPMENT.

4. NEW BUSINESS

1. PER A LIST OF CONSERVATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT TERMS FROM THE TOWN OFFICE (SEE ATTACHED COPY) ROSEMARY'S AND SHERRY'S TERMS EXPIRE IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR.

2. THE SELECTMEN ARE MOVING AHEAD WITH HAVING A NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DONE. THEY ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR WAYS TO FINANCE THE PROJECT.

3. CORON RICE, MINOT ROAD, IS EXPLORING HAVING A TOWN COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT POSSIBLY INVOLVING THE THREE TOWNS AND THE SCHOOLS. SHE HAD ASKED IF THERE MIGHT BE SOME TOWN OWNED LAND THAT COULD BE USED. MEMBERS DID NOT THINK SO.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE APRIL 24, 2017.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

SHERRY DIETRICH, SECRETARY



MARCH 29, 2017 ROSEMARY WHITNEY DELIVERED COPIES OF OUR ELMWOOD CEMETERY PATHWAY PROPOSAL TO COMMISSION MEMBERS, SELECTMEN AND CEMETERY COMMISSION MEMBERS.

MARCH 31, 2017 COPY OF FEBRUARY 27, 2017 MINUTES TO KATHY HOGUE, CHAIR, RECREATION COMMITTEE.