

**POWNAI CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2016**

**TIME: 7:00 PM**

**PLACE: MALLETT HALL**

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

**MEMBER ABSENT: RUTH HANNAN**

**AGENDA**

- 1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR MATT WELCH AT 7:10PM.**
- 2. THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 16, 2016 MEETING WERE APPROVED AS READ.**
- 3. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. MATT BRIEFED MEMBERS ON TOWN OWNED LOT MAP 8, LOT 9 AND SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD ANYMORE ON THE STATUS OF WHETHER THE SELECTMEN WERE GOING AHEAD WITH SELLING THIS PARCEL. AS REQUESTED BY THE SELECTMEN, MATT WELCH AND ROSEMARY WHITNEY HAD DONE A SITE WALK OF THIS PARCEL AND A LETTER OF THEIR FINDINGS AND SUGGESTIONS WAS SENT TO THE SELECTMEN.**

**B. UPDATE ON MAP 5, LOT 50 HASKELL MILL DAM ABUTMENT SITE. SHERRY SAID THE SELECTMEN'S OFFICE REPORTED SURVEYOR JOHN MANN BEGAN SURVEYING THIS PARCEL. AN ABUTTING LANDOWNER, JORDAN SMITH, QUESTIONS WHETHER THE SNOWMOBILE TRAIL AT THE BACK OF THIS TOWN OWNED PIECE MAY BE ON HIS LAND. MR. SMITH HAS HIRED HIS OWN SURVEYOR. ROSEMARY SUGGESTED WE HOLD OFF CREATING A PARK PLAN UNTIL WE KNOW THE STATUS OF THE SURVEY.**

**LATER IN THE MEETING MATT RETURNED TO DISCUSSION OF THIS PARCEL AND ASKED FOR MEMBERS THOUGHTS FOR WHERE WE MIGHT HEAD FOR THIS PROJECT. DO WE WANT A FUTURE PARK OR WHAT? ROSEMARY SAID SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A 2 VEHICLE PARKING AREA CREATED COMING OFF THE HODSDON ROAD. ALL MEMBERS THOUGHT THIS WAS AN EASY THING TO DO AND COULD BE DONE SOON. SHERRY SUGGESTED A SHORT FIRST TRAIL LEADING IN FROM THE HODSDON ROAD AND GOING BACK TO THE DAM ABUTMENT. ENLARGING THE TRAIL TO THE BACK OF THE PROPERTY COULD BE PROBLEMATIC UNTIL SOME OF THE DISCARDED ITEMS COULD BE TAKEN CARE OF. MATT SAID THIS ISSUE COULD BE RESOLVED FAIRLY EASILY EITHER BY BURYING OR PLACING BRUSH OVER THE ITEMS.**

**C. THE ELMWOOD CEMETERY TRAIL PROPOSAL. MATT WANTED TO KNOW WHERE THE RECREATION COMMITTEE AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION STOOD ON THIS**

PROJECT. ROSEMARY BRIEFED MEMBERS ON THE SITE WALK CONDUCTED BY THE TWO BOARDS, JUNE 6, 2016 . MEMBERS WHO DID THE WALK PROPOSED TWO TRAILS: ONE IN THE CEMETERY PROPER (AND DESIGNATED AS A TRAIL FOR THE ELDERLY) AND A SECOND THAT WOULD LOOP THROUGH THE CEMETERY PROPER, EXTEND INTO THE REAR OF THE WOODED CEMETERY PROPERTY, THEN POSSIBLY COME OUT ONTO THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OF JUDY ADCKOCK . AN EASEMENT WOULD BE NECESSARY FROM JUDY. \*THE PROBABILITY OF AN EASEMENT WAS NOT CERTAIN.\* ROSEMARY ADDED THAT THE RECREATION COMMITTEE AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE NEEDED TO HAVE ANOTHER CONCEPTUAL MEETING TO FURTHER DEFINE WHAT WE ARE THINKING. THE CEMETERY COMMISSION NEEDS TO ALSO BE APPRISED OF ANY PLANS.THE FIRST STEP WOULD BE TO GO BACK TO SELECTMAN TIM GIDDINGE, AND ASK THE QUESTION: CAN WE USE OR NOT USE IMPACT FEE MONIES FOR A TRAIL PROJECT? IN THE MEANTIME ROSEMARY AND ANGELA OFFERED TO DRAW UP AT LEAST TWO PLANS FOR US TO DISCUSS AT THE NEXT MEETING.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. MEMBERS SHOULD KEEP THINKING ABOUT ANY FUTURE PLANS FOR EARTH DAY IN 2017.

5. A. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 24, 2016 AT 7:00PM.

6. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:24PM.

SHERRY DIETRICH SECRETARY PRO TEM



\*THIS SENTENCE WAS AMENDED TO READ "AN EASEMENT WAS NOT RECOMMENDED AT THIS TIME."  
SEE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2016.