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FINAL APPROVAL OF MINUTES WILL BE CONSIDERED AT OUR NEXT MEETING.

POWNAI CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2019

PLACE: MALLET HALL

TIME: 7:00PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: MATT WELCH, SHERRY DIETRICH, NEW MEMBERS DICK HOGUE, JANET LYNCH

MEMBERS ABSENT: ANGELA HORNE, ROSEMARY WHITNEY. NEW MEMBER KATE ELDERS

AGENDA:

- 1. CHAIR MATT WELCH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:08.**
- 2. SECRETARY'S REPORT. A QUORUM OF MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED THE JANUARY 28, 2019 MEETING WAS NOT PRESENT SO THE MINUTES WERE TABLED.**
- 3. OLD BUSINESS**

A. MAP 9, LOT 43, MAP 9 LOTS 11, 14 SURVEY UPDATE. MATT BRIEFED THE NEW MEMBERS OF HAVING ALL TOWN OWNED PROPERTIES SURVEYED. THESE PARCELS WERE THE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH TO HAVE BEEN DONE. SHERRY REPORTED THE TOWN HAS NOT YET RECEIVED THE FINAL PLAN(S) OR BILL FOR THE LATTER.

B. LOGGING WITH HORSES. MATT EXPLAINED TO NEW MEMBERS OUR GOAL OF HAVING HORSES LOG TOWN FOREST PARCELS. HE HAS CONTACTED, BRUCE ALEXANDER, WHO HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN DOING THIS. MATT WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THIS.

RELATED TO THIS PARCEL, AT OUR JANUARY MEETING ROSE SUGGESTED THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION CLEAN OUT THE TRAIL AREA ON MAP 9, LOT 43 USING THE REMAINING IMPACT FEE MONIES NOT USED FROM LAST YEAR. MATT THOUGHT THIS COULD BE OUR EARTH DAY PROJECT. BUT IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING USING CHAINSAWS WHEN VOLUNTEERS ARE PRESENT, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN, SOMEONE ON THE GROUNDS NEEDS TO HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO OPERATE A CHAINSAW PER THE TOWN. DICK HOGUE SAID HE MIGHT HAVE SUCH AUTHORIZATION AND WOULD CHECK . DICK ALSO REPORTED HE WAS A LICENSED LOGGER.

C. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER TOWN OWNED LAND SURVEYS. SHERRY SUGGESTED MAP 2, LOTS 30, 31/32. POLAND RANGE ROAD (AKA GODDARD ROAD). THESE LOTS WERE LOGGED AS PART OF OUR FORESTRY PROJECT. INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL HAS BEEN DONE IN A SECTION. AND LAST YEAR A TOWN FOREST SIGN WAS ERECTED. SHERRY AGREED TO CONTACT SURVEYOR, JOHN MANN, TO SEE IF HE WOULD OFFER AN ESTIMATE.

D. CMP CORRIDOR ISSUE. MATT EXPLAINED THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S OPPOSITION TO THIS PROJECT. IT IS THE COMMISSION'S HOPE TO HAVE A FACT BASED OUTREACH PROJECT FOR THE TOWN AS WELL AS NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES. WE WANT TO APPRISE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE OF CMP'S PLAN FOR NORTH POWNAL. HE HAS ALREADY CONTACTED FALMOUTH, YARMOUTH, CUMBERLAND, DURHAM AND WILL ADD NORTH YARMOUTH. UPGRADED POWER LINES WILL RUN THROUGH THESE COMMUNITIES AS PART OF THE CORRIDOR PROJECT. JANET MENTIONED A BETH COMEAU WHO HAS AN ONLINE SITE FOR THINGS PEOPLE CAN DO. JANET WILL EMAIL MEMBERS WITH THE SITE INFORMATION.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. MATT RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE TOWN OFFICE RELATIVE TO A TOWN OWNED PROPERTY SOMEONE WISHES TO BUY (EXHIBIT A). WE ARE ASKED TO REVIEW AND REPLY WITH A YES OR NO FOR SELLING. THE PROPERTY, MAP 6, LOT 69 ON VERRILL ROAD, IS NOT ON OUR SPREAD SHEET OF TOWN