

UNAPPROVED

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POWNAI CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

PLACE: MALLETT HALL

TIME: 7:00PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: MATT WELCH, SHERRY DIETRICH, ANGELA HORNE

MEMBER ABSENT: ROSEMARY WHITNEY

AGENDA

1. CHAIR MATT WELCH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:25PM.

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT. ON A MOTION BY MATT WELCH AND SECONDED BY ANGELA HORNE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2018 MEETING WERE ACCEPTED AS WRITTEN. SHERRY REPORTED THAT THE TOWN OFFICE WANTS DRAFTS OF COMMITTEE MINUTES TO BE SUBMITTED TO THEM AS WELL AS COPIES OF APPROVED MINUTES.

NO MEETINGS OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION WERE HELD IN JUNE, JULY OR AUGUST.

3. OLD BUSINESS.

A. VOTERS AT THE JUNE TOWN MEETING APPROVED OUR REQUEST OF \$12,600 FROM THE OPEN SPACE IMPACT FEE ACCOUNT TO SURVEY TOWN OWNED PARCELS, MAP 9 LOT 43 AND MAP 9 LOTS 11 AND 14. THE TOWN HAS CONTRACTED WITH SURVEYOR JOHN MANN. THE STATUS OF THE SURVEY AT THIS TIME IS NOT KNOWN.

B. LOGGING WITH HORSES. MATT AGREED TO CONTACT A PETER HAGGARTY OF PORTER WHO HAS THIS KIND OF OPERATION.

C. SPREAD SHEET FOR TOWN OWNED LAND. NEEDS UPDATING. MATT WILL CONTACT DEREK LOVITCH OR JON HOGUE RELATIVE TO THE COMPUTER PROGRAM WHICH MAY NEED SOME REVISIONS.

D. FORESTRY INVENTORY SHEETS. ON EARTH DAY WE STARTED THESE, BUT THEY NEED FINALIZING. MEMBERS AGREED TO WORK ON THEM.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ROAD COMMISSIONER, DICK CLARKE, HAD SPOKEN INFORMALLY TO MATT AND SHERRY BEFORE THE MEETING. HE ASKED WHETHER THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION HAD MADE ANY FURTHER DECISIONS RELATIVE TO ACCESSING THE HASKELL MILL DAM ABUTMENT SITE.(MAP 5 LOT 50). ACCESS TO THIS HODSDON ROAD SITE IS PROBLEMATIC. MR. CLARKE SAID PUTTING A CULVERT IN THE RIGHT OF WAY AS NOTED ON HIS PLAN SUBMITTED AT A JOINT MEETING OF THE SELECTMEN, CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS AND MR. CLARKE IN DECEMBER 2017 WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE. DRAINAGE FROM THE PRIVATE ROAD ABUTTING THE SITE RUNS INTO THAT RIGHT OF WAY AND NEEDS REPAIR WORK NOW. DICK THOUGHT WE SHOULD THINK OF A DRIVEWAY INTO THE SITE AS THE BEST SOLUTION.**

**AFTER MR. CLARKE LEFT, MEMBERS PRESENT DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE FURTHER. MATT SAID WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT WE WANT TO DO WITH THE SITE. IN THE PAST A PARK HAS BEEN TALKED ABOUT BUT THE DEFINITION OF "PARK" MEANS DIFFERENT THINGS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE. MATT FURTHER ADDED THAT FUTURE MAINTENANCE NEEDS TO BE CONSIDERED. WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT? ANGELA WONDERED ABOUT HOW NEIGHBORS MIGHT FEEL. SHERRY FELT THE COMMISSION SHOULD HAVE ANOTHER SITE WALK. NO DECISIONS WERE REACHED ON HOW BEST TO PROCEED.**

**B. ANGELA BROUGHT UP THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MEETINGS THAT HAD BEEN SCHEDULED IN AUGUST. ALL THREE MEMBERS PRESENT HAD ATTENDED AT LEAST ONE OR TWO OF THE MEETINGS. ANGELA REPORTED THE HODSDON ROAD ONE SHE ATTENDED HAD AT LEAST 20 PEOPLE AND MANY GOOD IDEAS WERE DISCUSSED FOR THE FUTURE OF POWNAL. MATT SAID THE CENTRAL MAINE CORRIDOR EXPANSION WAS AN ISSUE AT MEETINGS HE ATTENDED. HOW WOULD IT AFFECT THE NORTH POWNAL AREA WHERE THE SUBSTATION IS LOCATED? SHERRY SAID THE NORTH POWNAL AND POWNAL CENTER GROUPS SHE ATTENDED WERE VERY SIMILAR. MOST WANTED TO KEEP POWNAL LIKE IT IS .**

#### **D. OTHER**

**A. SHERRY SUGGESTED LOOKING AT MORE TOWN OWNED LAND PARCELS TO RECOMMEND BEING SURVEYED USING IMPACT FEES FROM THE OPEN SPACE ACCOUNT.**

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 22, 2018.**

**THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:19PM.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, SHERRY DIETRICH, SECRETARY**