

**GREENLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

MONDAY, January 4, 2010

Members Present: Chair Rick Mauer, Vice Chair Chip Hussey, Jean Eno, Nancy Zuba and Jane Man

Agenda

Vice Chair Hussey opened the meeting at 7:10 P.M. and asked for a roll call of the attending Board Members (see listed above).

1. Julia Peterson, NH Sea Grant, re: Reducing runoff pollution near water landscaping

Julie Peterson, NH Sea Grant, approached the Commission and gave a presentation on various ways to help reduce runoff pollution near water landscaping. The Commission found this presentation very informative.

2. 2010 Warrant Articles

The Commission continued their discussion on the 2010 warrant articles they wish to proceed with. The first warrant article discussed was the following: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Dollars for the acquisition of conservation easements, open space land, and recreational land by the Town, all for the permanent protection of appropriate undeveloped land and recreational land in the Town of Greenland, and to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Budget Act [RSA Chapter 33] and to authorize the Selectmen to act on behalf of the Town in connection with such acquisitions of conservation easements, open space land, and recreational land and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and regulate such bonds and notes and determine the rates of interest thereon. No more than ten percent (10%) of the proceeds of this Article shall be expended on land developed for non-passive recreational uses. All authority under this Article shall expire at the conclusion of five (5) years from the date of passage hereof. Passage requires a 2/3 vote." After the discussion the following motion was made:

Motion 1: Chip Hussey moved to present this proposed warrant article to the Selectmen at their January 11, 2010 meeting. Rick Mauer seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The next warrant article discussed is as follows: "Authorize up to \$15,000 for the Conservation Commission to use in matching potential grant fund opportunities and conducting natural and water resource research and education." After the discussion the following motion was made:

Motion 2: Jane Man moved to present this proposed warrant article to the Selectmen at their January 11, 2010 meeting. Rick Mauer seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

After further discussion of the following proposed warrant article, the Commission decided not to move forward with this change: "Authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to "qualified organizations" for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization; the Town will not retain interest in the property". The following motion was made:

Motion 3: Rick Mauer moved to withdraw this proposed warrant article from being placed on the 2010 Town warrant. Jean Eno seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The next warrant article discussed is as follows: "Appoint up to seven (7) members to the Conservation Commission per NH RSA 36-A:3 (presently, the Town has a five (5) member Conservation Commission)". After the discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion 4: Rick Mauer moved to place this proposed warrant article on the 2010 Town warrant. Jean Eno seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The Commission also discussed two proposed zoning ordinance changes. The first one is regarding Article XVIII, Section 18.9.5 "Making Buffer Zones known". The proposed change reads as follows: "Developers, builders, residents and property owners shall be informed of the location and reason for buffers. Buffer boundaries shall be printed on all development and construction plans. Wetland buffer placard markers (obtained from the Conservation Commission, at the developer's expense) for identifying wetland buffer zone boundaries, shall be posted prior to excavation and construction. Markers shall be posted at wetland buffer boundary corners and every fifty feet (50') along the wetland buffer zone boundary line closest to where the proposed excavation and construction will occur". After the discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion 5: Chip Hussey moved to present a petition for a warrant article for the above mentioned zoning ordinance change to Article XVIII, Section 18.9.5, to be placed on the 2010 Town warrant. Rick Mauer seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The second zoning ordinance change discussed is regarding adding Article XV, Section 15.8 "Fertilizer Applications". The proposed change reads as follows: "A. Fertilizers applied in the Town of Greenland shall be 100% slow-released nitrogen and no more than 2% phosphate; B. In the instance of commercial agricultural fertilizer applications best management practices as proposed by county, state, and federal agencies shall be utilized". After the discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion 6: Chip Hussey moved to present a petition for a warrant article for the above mentioned zoning ordinance change to Article XV, Section 15.8, to be placed on the 2010 Town warrant. Rick Mauer seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Approve December 7th minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes of December 7th minutes. There were no suggested changes to the minutes and the following motion was made:

Motion 7: Chip Hussey moved to approve the December 7, 2009 minutes, as submitted. Jean Eno seconded the motion. All were in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Review Mail and Any Other Business

1. The Commission reviewed the NH DOT revised wetland application for the intersection of Bayside Road, Winnicut Road and Route 33. After the review, the Commission had no issues with the revisions and asked the secretary to send a letter stating such to DES and DOT.
2. The Commission reviewed an invoice from NH Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC), in the amount of \$225.00, for 2010 membership dues. After the review, the following motion was made:

Motion 8: Chip Hussey moved to approve the 2010 membership dues for NHACC, in the amount of \$225.00. Rick Mauer seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

3. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on February 1, 2010.

No other business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M. The following motion was made:

Motion 9: Chip Hussey moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 P.M. and Rick Mauer seconded the motion. All were in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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Attachments:

1. Agenda, dated 1/4/10

Approved by the Greenland Conservation Commission on March 4, 2010.