



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 09, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. – Town Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Chair Chip Hussey, Bill Bilodeau, Laura Byergo, Joe Fredericks, Kevin Lucey

Members Absent:

Chair Hussey opened the Conservation Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. A roll call was taken by the Chair; he announced a quorum was present and the meeting was being recorded.

1. 2016 Budget

L. Byergo distributed a submission to be included in the 2016 budget or as a warrant article. Chair Hussey reminded members that the Conservation Commission three year warrant article expires in March 2016. He suggested that trail maintenance be included when the new warrant article is submitted. J. Fredericks suggested removing “grant”. The article was further amended to read: “...to use in matching potential funding opportunities related to conservation, maintenance of Town conservation lands, maintenance of Town controlled trails, or conducting natural and water resource research and education...”.

MOTION: J. Fredericks moved to amend the warrant article to read as follows: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to use in matching potential funding opportunities related to conservation, maintenance of Town conservation lands, maintenance of Town controlled trails, or conducting natural and water resource research and education. The Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen would have to approve the expenditures. This article is to be non-lapsing for a period of three years. (Majority vote required). Second – Chair Hussey

DISCUSSION: L. Byergo suggested broadening “water resource research and education” to “environmental resource and education”. Members felt “natural and water resource research and education” was broad enough to include environmental.

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MOTION CARRIED

Chair Hussey stated that they have not spent much money; requesting more funding would be difficult. L. Byergo stated that there is a “Button Up” workshop that would like the Conservation Commission to

do promotion work for them. Based on attendance at other workshops and lectures, she wasn't sure there would be enough interest from residents. She felt that because this workshop would be energy oriented there may be more interest from residents in learning how to conserve energy in their houses. Chair Hussey felt they should not make a commitment at this time; funds may be needed to locate the boundary markers along Coastal Way for the trail. There are also workshops available that can be paid through the budget. Maps and signage will also be needed once the trails are finished.

MOTION: *L. Byergo moved to submit the 2016 budget as presented (\$1,000). Second – J. Fredericks; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED*

2. Name of Trail Road

In order to meet 911 compliance, the trail road has been named Liberty Hill Recreation Area. Members would like it renamed Liberty Hill Lane.

MOTION: *J. Fredericks moved to rename the trail road Liberty Hill Lane. Second – L. Byergo; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED*

DISCUSSION: It was clarified that this is the road to the parking area for the trail.

3. Approval of Invoices

MOTION: *J. Fredericks moved to approve payment of the invoice from the Conservation Law Foundation in the amount of \$125. Second – L. Byergo; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED*

4. Approval of Minutes: Wednesday, August 12, 2015

MOTION: *B. Bilodeau moved to approve the minutes of Wednesday, August 12, 2015. Second – K. Lucey; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED*

5. Other Business

Button Up Workshop: L. Byergo told members that Button Up would do a workshop in Greenland and has requested help with the promotion; \$250 would be given for at least two corporate sponsors. L. Byergo asked if it could be done by the Conservation Commission, and was told it had to be a non-municipal organization such as the Winnicut River Watershed Coalition. Button Up will hold a workshop for residents and Town government about ways to conserve energy. J. Fredericks stated that utility companies offer a similar service to their customers. Chair Hussey felt that if a project was done on the Winnicut River before the end of the year and involved school-age children, the Conservation Commission should be able to help. After further discussion, L. Byergo stated she will cancel with the Button Up workshop.

Winnicut River Project: L. Byergo would like to trim back overgrown trees along the Winnicut River with the help of Fish and Game, Trout Unlimited, Boy Scouts and other interested residents when the water is low.

River Walk: Chair Hussey told members that property owners of the Country View have given permission for Phase I of the River Walk.

CIP: The first CIP meeting was held on Wednesday, September 02, 2015. One of the objectives will be to put a pedestrian bridge across the Winnicut River (Rt. 33).

Zoning Ordinance Revisions: Chair Hussey updated members on the proposed Zoning Ordinance changes that are being discussed by the Planning Board. L. Byergo stated that if the Conservation Commission had a role in revising the Conservation Subdivision Ordinance, they may be able to do research and provide advice on incentives. Chair Hussey responded that it would have to be quantifiable and he would present it to the Planning Board.

6. Adjournment

MOTION: *J. Fredericks moved to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Second – K. Lucey; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED*

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 14, 2015 – 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room

Respectfully Submitted: Charlotte Hussey, Secretary to the Boards

Approved: Wednesday, October 14, 2015