



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 10, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. – Town Hall Conference Room

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

Members Absent: Laura Byergo

Chair Hussey opened the Conservation Commission meeting at 7:01 p.m. A roll call was taken by the Chair; he announced a quorum was present and the meeting was being recorded.

1. Trail Update

The email from L. Byergo, dated September 03, 2014, was discussed (copy on file). She has asked the Appalachian Mountain Club for an estimate for planning the trail.

2. Trail Name: Van Etten Drive

Chair Hussey told members that the Conservation Commission had been asked to provide a name for the trail between Van Etten Drive and Cushman Way, and eventually Meaghan Way. Chair Hussey suggested Greenland Greenways Thompson Brook Trail; J. Fredericks suggested Liberty Hill Trail. The general consensus of the Commission was Greenland Greenways Thompson Brook Trail.

3. Density Bonuses

Continued to the October meeting.

4. Other Business

- K. Lucey told the Commission that he has helped L. Byergo with water quality monitoring. There is a sampling site at Packer Brook on Portsmouth Avenue; the data is preliminary and has not been published. The dissolved oxygen on the upstream side of the road is at 3.28; 5 causes stress to fish; below 5 is immediate impairment for aquatic life use. K. Lucey noted this is the most stressed time of year because the water is low and a higher temperature from the summer. The last time sampling was done in that area, they found someone had installed flash boards in the culvert.
- There was a brief discussion about the development proposed for 34 Newington Road. The Conservation Commission will review the plans when it's submitted to the Planning Board.
- Chair Hussey told members that Bramber Valley was under agreement and would be coming before them for review when plans are submitted.
- Chair Hussey stated that the Planning Board is reviewing the Growth Management Ordinance and what will cause it to be triggered.

- Land Purchase: Chair Hussey was unable to meet with the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on Monday, September 08, and will reschedule.
- B. Bilodeau discussed the clear cut that was happening on Tuttle Lane. There is no stormwater management device (silt fence) set up along the property. Chair Hussey will research.

5. Approval of Minutes: Tuesday, August 05, 2014

MOTION: *J. Fredericks moved to approve the minutes of Tuesday, August 05, 2014. Second – K. Lucey; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED*

6. Adjournment

MOTION: *J. Fredericks moved to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Second – B. Bilodeau; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED*

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 08, 2014 – 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room

Respectfully Submitted – Charlotte Hussey, Secretary to the Boards

Approved: Wednesday, October 08, 2014