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MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 11, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. – Town Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Bill Bilodeau, Laura Byergo, Sarah Rowe

Members Absent: Chip Hussey

Chair Byergo opened the Conservation Commission meeting at 7:20 p.m. A roll call was taken by the Chair; she announced a quorum was present and the meeting was being recorded.

1. Trail Plan for Board of Selectmen Approval

Chair Byergo updated members that she presented the trail plan to the Board of Selectmen at their meeting Monday, July 09, 2018. The proposed trail budget, not to exceed \$8,400, was approved. Chair Byergo has contacted Lew Shelley, owner of SnowHawk LLC to do the trail. Construction will be simple and straight forward. In order to keep the cost low, approximately 10 volunteers will be needed. SnowHawk has done a great deal of work for Natural Resource Stewards around the State and is a one man operation.

The next step will be to apply for the Wetlands Permit. Chair Byergo stated a minimum impact wetlands permit may be possible. A trail permit is also a possibility. She will have a better idea after speaking to L. Shelley.

A trail walk for immediate abutters will be held on Saturday, August 04, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., starting at the Liberty Hill parking lot. Abutters on Meaghan Way, Coastal Way, Van Etten Drive and Cushman Way will be sent a notification. Chair Byergo recently hand cut a portion of the trail; it can now be walked through and will be done again before the walk. The toughest part for clearing is located at the stream. It's not ready to start building the boardwalk or bridge, but is enough for people to get an idea of the trail.

The Building Inspector is working with Jim Rolston, Selectman, for use of a metal detector. They will try to locate the last few property markers they haven't been able to find.

2. Database: Town Conservation Land, Field Notes App

Chair Byergo has completed as much as she can, and has questions for the Building Inspector. Chair Byergo has met with Josh Churchill-Broadway, the summer intern. He has received his security clearance and Town ID badge. Chair Byergo will meet him on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. to walk the Weeks Trail. They will also try to do Packer Bog on Friday, July 20, 2018. J. Churchill-Broadway will use the database for monitoring conservation areas.

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3. Update: 57 McShane Avenue, Willowbrook Avenue Culvert

57 McShane Avenue: A Variance was granted for the leach field on the neighbor's property. The septic tank was moved slightly farther back. Chair Byergo noted it's a terrible site, with fresh water on one and salt water on the other.

Willowbrook Avenue Culvert: Chair Byergo gave an update on the culvert, stating that the Town moved forward with the project and decided not to wait for any possible grant money for a box culvert.

4. Follow-Up: New Greenland Maps from UNH

The Town received some maps from UNH that are specific to Greenland. They are continuing to work on the Coastal Protection Plan. After reviewing the maps with the Building Inspector, Chair Byergo met with Lisa Graichen, UNH Climate Adaptation Program Coordinator. They will be returning to the Conservation Commission in the fall with "tweaks" to the maps based on information from Chair Byergo.

5. Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes was continued to the next meeting.

6. Other Business

There was a brief discussion about the work being done by Unitil on the gas line adjacent to Ameri-Gas. Also discussed was the Planning Board agenda for Thursday, July 19, 2018.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: B. Bilodeau moved to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Second – S. Rowe; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED