

Fitzwilliam Conservation Commission
20 March 2017– Minutes

Present: Paul Kotila, Chair; Kevin Woolley, alternate; Hiel Lindquist, Dorothy Zug, Cheryl Norskey, Rick Brackett, Barbara Green

Absent: None

Guests: None

Review Minutes of 20 Feb 2017:

Approved as presented.

Agenda Review:

Zug —Add discussion of easements in the KMTF and list of foresters.

Town Meeting Follow Up:

There was a small turnout for the meeting. We received our \$5,000 request. We now have \$82,000 in the land use change tax fund, plus \$30,000 in the CIP fund.

The Prime Wetlands article passed, as well as the article on modifications to the WPOD. Next, Rick Van de Poll will send a packet to the state with a letter from the Selectmen, informing them of the approval.

Also discussed was the failed article that would have authorized the selectmen to buy and sell land. Members called it an interesting proposal that has been fought over before. There was a discussion of how such transactions are usually done. Selectmen must bring them before voters at Town Meeting.

Dog Waste Cleanup Bags:

Installation of the cleanup station is still waiting for spring conditions.

Chamberlain Property—Update:

Nothing new. Brackett reported that the goal is to finish the project this year.

Metzger TF Stewardship Plan:

Kotila emailed Mike Powers but has not heard back. He said he expects to hear something this week about the final plan. Zug asked how long we must wait to finalize this. Kotila said he will give it one more try and if there is no result, he will turn the matter over to Zug.

Zug presented easement information from the Town's deeds to the KMTF property. The ROW from Turner Rd. is 32 ft wide, with entrance and egress. Also described is a 50-foot ROW from Old Troy Rd. Members viewed the attached maps and located the Tolton property, on which no decision has been made yet by the owner.

Brackett recommended we look back at the old quitclaim deed for the KMTF by going to the Cheshire County Registry of deeds and showing the book & page reference numbers. There should be an easement deed transferring the ROW to the town in a separate document. Brackett agreed to look. We could later do a revised deed for public access trails, a parking area, etc.

Members discussed various foresters from a list that Zug had emailed around.

Lindquist will also write a note to the Forest Society. We would need to put out an RFP before hiring a new forester.

Solar Array Proposal:

Ranger Solar was simultaneously meeting with selectmen in the next room.

Monadnock Advisory Committee Update:

Lindquist said there is nothing on the agenda except updates. We should let them know of anything we'd like addressed.

Site Walk Reports:

Sable called Sheila Young on 2/22/17 to schedule a site walk regarding their WPOD application for a roof over a deck at 143 Scott Pond Rd., M36 L3. The applicant said she would call back the next day but did not. Sable called again on 3/2/17, with the same result. Favreau said the Selectmen's office would withhold the permit until the Cons Com is able to view the site.

Budget Reports:

None. Sable will bring an update to the next meeting.

Discussion of Wenniger Property:

This is on hold for now.

Planning Board:

They are posting on the website.

Other Business:

Green would like to withdraw from Hazardous Mitigation team. We'll look to selectmen to appoint a replacement.

Correspondence:

NH DOT letter re reconfiguration of the Rte 12/119 intersection; ad from Vegetative Control Service, for removing invasive species; UNH Extension, Saving Special Places announcement; Monadnock Conservancy, thank-you note for our donation; Memo, Debbie Favreau—Hazard Mitigation Plan update; Monadnock Conservancy, 2016 Highlights & Annual Report; NHDES ARM Fund publication.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Next meeting will be April 17th, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Sable, Secretary