

**Fitzwilliam Conservation Commission**  
**17 July 2017– Minutes**

**Present:** Hiel Lindquist, Barbara Green, acting Chair; Dorothy Zug, Cheryl Norskey,

**Absent:** Paul Kotila, Chair; Kevin Woolley, alternate; Rick Brackett

**Guests:** None

**Review Minutes of 19 June 2017:**

Approved as amended.

**Agenda Review:**

**Selectmen Meet—7:30 p.m.**

Topics planned for discussion were: Campbell property options, dog waste station report, RFP for KMTF trail study.

**Metzger TF Stewardship Plan & Trails RFP:**

Kotila (absent) reported that Savron is making copies of the plan.

Lindquist saw Ray Jackson of Trailwrights, who said he is not interested due to time constraints.

Lindquist also saw Lew Shelley from Snowhawk, LLC, who said he will be submitting something.

**Dog Waste Cleanup Bags:**

Sable ordered a new supply of 800 single-pull dog waste cleanup bags which were delivered today. Total cost was \$63.99. Lindquist will replenish the supply at the dog waste station as needed. He expects they will last till next year.

Green signed the invoice for reimbursement to Sable, which she recommended be taken from the budget under under “general supplies”. Sable will submit the invoice to the Town Office.

**Chamberlain Property—Update:**

No news.

**Solar Array Proposal:**

No news but we could ask the selectmen.

**Monadnock Advisory Committee Update:**

Lindquist reported that the Rhododendrons at the Park are in full bloom. He also noticed a green sign on the Patch Cottage lawn, saying this project is funded by Moose plates. The ranger there said he was not aware of any project to repair the cottage. He said if it's a concern, we should send a letter to the State Parks division asking why the cottage is not maintained.

**Site Walk Reports:**

None

**Budget Reports:**

Payroll YTD: \$389.34

Expenses: 0

**Property Updates: Wenniger, Tolton:**

Zug visited the Tolton property. The house isn't in bad condition except for the kitchen.

The building across the street is in very poor condition and needs to be taken down. The owner wants to sell both pieces together. Zug has indicated to the realtor our interest in the property across the road from the house, and has done the same regarding the Wenniger property, which is in foreclosure. Parts of both properties would benefit the town forests.

**7:30 — Meeting with Selectmen at Town Office.**

Attending: Selectmen: Susan Silverman, Nancy Carney, Dan Baker; Town Administrator Debbie Favreau; Selectmen's Secretary Sheryl White.

The Commission addressed the selectmen's inquiry about the proposed donation of the Campbell land. Members noted it is "pretty wet" and not buildable. There is not much interest in it for us, but we recommend that the Town accept it as a donation. Silverman said this was not an unusual request and it would not cost the town much in terms of taxes. Its value is mainly as a wetland. The request has to go to Town Meeting for a vote. Favreau will notify the donor about this.

Also, Green reported that the KMTF RFP has gone out and the deadline is the 31st of July. Members gave a brief review of the 2-year history of the Forest Management plan, and explained that we are sticking with the original company. The project is back on track, and we have agreed on the final version, which is at the printer's now. Selectmen will get copies.

To do anything further than trails, such as timber management, we would need to go out to bid again. There is nothing we need from selectmen now.

Zug updated the selectmen about the properties abutting the KMTF, and the 50-foot ROW, which includes a small photography workshop and 14 acres across the road from the Tolton house. Blais realty is handling the sale of the property. We believe the land is worth around \$40,000 and we have enough funds.

Zug also described the location of the Wenniger property, saying we would be interested in the wetland area to be part of the WGTF.

The Commission also updated the Board on the dog waste cleanup station, which has been installed on the rail trail. Lindquist reported that all the bags have been used up and new ones purchased. People are using the station. We asked whether Selectmen might do something similar on the Town Common. The Selectmen will talk to the Common group. Selectman Baker may also bring it before the Historic District Commission. Silverman said we shouldn't do one town common without doing the other. We no longer have trash cans at the commons because some people were using them for household trash. There was a discussion of where such a project would come out of the budget. It might be best to wait and do it later this year, or perhaps next year.

We also briefed the Selectmen on the Chamberlain property, noting we are looking to build a parking lot there for public use.

The joint meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. and the Commission returned to the adjacent meeting room.

**Planning Board:**

Nothing.

**Other Business:**

Sable continues to check with the Town Clerk every week for any wetlands permits.

No one has replaced Sandra in the Land Use office yet.

**Correspondence:**

Letter from DES—notice of complaint to Carl Bishop on possible violations for construction of wooden bridge across wetlands without a permit on Old Pierce Rd., M 1, L 8; DES Drinking Water & Groundwater Bureau newsletter.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Next meeting will be 21 August, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Sable, Secretary