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Conservation Commission

Approved Minutes

October 13, 2022

7:00 pm @ Community Development Department

Attendance:

Chairman Dave Curto- present
Vice Chair Wayne Morris- present
Kara Feldberg, Secretary- present
Pam Skinner, regular member- excused
Lisa Ferrisi, regular member- excused
Joe Bradley, alternate- present (seated for Ms. Skinner)
Mike Specian, alternate- present
Brian McFarland, alternate- excused

New business/ Old business

Campbell Farm Updates:

1. Mowing completed

The Board briefly discussed the mowing.

2. Boundary fence discussion.

Chairman Curto reviewed the property boundary on the GIS map. The Board discussed some of the challenges to the landscape and some issues that have arisen in the past. The Board discussed the best way to create a barrier to show the boundary but keeping in mind what it might look like visually and what the expense might be. The Board discussed involving the family that lives next door in the discussion to get input from them. This item will be back on the agenda at the next meeting after getting their input.

3. Bidding process for next year mowing

The Board discussed potentially putting this job out to bid. Vice Chair Morris stated he has been very happy with the job Field Works has done the last few years. After discussion, the Board is in agreement that they should continue with the same company and not put this out to bid at this time. The Board discussed the increase fuel costs.

The Board also discussed the potential removal of a large tree on the property and when might be the best time to remove it.

The Board discussed the trails behind the high school. The discussion also included cross country skiing, mountain biking teams for kids/young adults, and snow shoeing for students.

The Board discussed other local mountain biking/hiking trails and how the directions and mapping on the trails work well for the users and how this might be employed on the trails in Windham.

Clyde Pond/ Ashton Park Updates:

The Board discussed some of the work accomplished recently on these trails by the contractor.

Deer Leap/ Moeckel Pond Updates:

The Board discussed that there are new placards in the area that talk about the dam and there is also a seating area.

Vice Chair Morris stated that he had asked the town manager Brian McCarthy to go on a site walk in the area to see what the area near Moeckel Pond looked like and the fact that the building of the stone wall in the area would require an excavator to handle some of the stones. Vice Chair Morris also invited the Board of Selectmen to do a site walk in the area as well.

The Board discussed the handicap accessibility of the area as well.

Fosters Pond/ Greenway Updates:

Neither the bridge on Governor's Dinsmore nor the Greenway made it into the CIP according to the Board. This was an ancillary discussion that come up in reference to soon-to-be completed projects.

Rt. 28/Mclvaine Forest Updates:

Ms. Feldberg stated that there are 2 trees down on the yellow trail of the town forest.

Other Conservation lands and Easements Updates:

Miscellaneous items:

1. Renewing membership NH Association of Conservation Commissions

The Board discussed the benefits of this membership.

A motion was made by Ms. Feldberg to approve the \$950 fee for the membership of NH Association of Conservation Commission. Seconded by Mr. Specian. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

The Board discussed the land monitoring from the South East Land Trust

A motion was made by Ms. Feldberg to renew the services of the South East Land Trust from the Conservation Commission for the land monitoring in the amount of \$1575. Seconded by Vice Chair Morris. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

2. Follow up on Wildlife study and inventory. – Brian McFarland

This will be moved to the next meeting.

3. Follow up on cameras – Mike Specian

Mr. Specian stated that the Windham Police Department has 4 cameras in boxes and according to the Windham PD, there is a fee paid for each box. Mr. Specian stated that his suggestion would be to purchase game cameras for several locations.

Mr. Specian stated that he thinks they need Windham Police Department to be the policing agent because even if they see something on film, what could they do; this is a valid question.

The Board discussed the best way to proceed with the potential use of cameras, where they should be installed and who should monitor the cameras.

A motion was made by Mr. Specian to expend no more than \$250 for a game camera. Seconded by Vice Chair Morris. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

4. Signs for Conservation lands – Kara

Ms. Feldberg reviewed the signage she collected and found useful and the best way to communicate information to the public effectively. Dawn to dusk, carry in/carry out, and permitted uses were all things that came up over the course of the discussion.

The Board discussed if there was or was not a leash law for dogs. According to Ms. Feldberg, there is not. Yet, there is a leash law on recreation areas.

The Board discussed the need to include to fires on the signage as well.

The Board discussed an illegal fire pit at Clyde Pond as well and the best way to proceed with this.

Meeting Minutes Review and Approve: [9/8/2022, 9/22/2022](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morris to approve the September 8th draft minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Feldberg. Vote 3-0-2. Motion passes.

ZBA:

**Case #33-2022: Parcel(s) 21-G-23A
Applicant – Preeti Mishra
Owner – Rohit Mehta and Preeti Mishra
Location –187 Range Rd**

The Board reviewed the variance request. This Board has no comments on the plan as presented.

PB:

No cases

**Intent to Cut Applications: N/A
DES Permits & Correspondence:**

Chairman Curto stated that he was approached to sign a DES permit. The Board discussed the plan on Rolling Ridge Road and the proposed changes to the site including removing asphalt.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Wayne Morris to allow the Chairman to sign the DES permit by notification for 24 Rolling Ridge Road. Seconded by Ms. Feldberg.

The Board then reviewed the property on the GIS map again just to be sure.

The Board did not vote on this motion after discussion.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morris at 8:46pm to enter non-public session under RSA 91A: 3 II (d) to discuss land acquisition. Seconded by Mr. Bradley. Roll call vote: Vice Chair Morris, Chairman Curto, Ms. Feldberg, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Specian- yes. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Ms. Feldberg to come of non-public session at 9:30pm. Seconded by Mr. Specian. Roll call vote: Vice Chair Morris, Chairman Curto, Ms. Feldberg, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Specian- yes. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morris to seal the non-public minutes for a period of 2 years. Seconded by Ms. Feldberg. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Ms. Feldberg to adjourn at 9:32pm. Seconded by Vice Chair Morris. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted by Anitra Lincicum

Approved