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Conservation Commission

Approved Minutes

October 27, 2022

7:00 pm @ Community Development Department

Attendance:

Chairman Dave Curto- present
Vice Chair Wayne Morris- present
Kara Feldberg, Secretary- present
Pam Skinner- present
Lisa Ferrisi- present
Joe Bradley, alternate- present
Mike Specian, alternate- present

New business/ Old business

Campbell Farm Updates:

Mr. Bradley stated that he has been in touch with the neighbors of Campbell Farm and he stated that the neighbors are not interested in a fence at this time. Mr. Bradley stated that there was an agreement that stated that abutters would be informed if work was being done at Campbell Farm; it is a little unclear as to why or if this is part of the agreement but the Board will look into this.

Clyde Pond/ Ashton Park Updates:

Chairman Curto stated he received communication about how the water level is very low in the area and the Board had discussed removing the beaver deceivers. Chairman Curto also stated that there have potentially been sightings of Blanding's turtles in the area. Vice Chair Morris stated that he has also been in touch with NH Fish and Game with this information.

The Board discussed the water level in the area. Vice Chair Morris suggested waiting until spring. The Board discussed the best way to decide upon the adjusted water level based on the time of year, the potential for rain and the wildlife in the area.

Mr. Peter Griffin addressed the Board. Mr. Griffin stated he has been working with the School Board on the London Bridge Road Causeway in the area. Mr. Griffin also discussed the history of the area and the information he has acquired from Mr. Brad Dinsmore. Mr. Griffin was before the Board asking for them to consider a hand rail from the Clyde Pond parking lot on London Bridge Road to the foot path area. Mr. Griffin and the Board discussed making historic signage available as well as making the site more accessible. Mr. Griffin and the Board also discussed

other Eagle Scout projects as part of some of these proposals. Mr. Griffin will set up a meeting between the Board and Mr. Chris Sullivan to coordinate some of the efforts they discussed.

Mr. Specian stated that there was another mountain bike trail on the upper part of the trails near the high school. The Board discussed better communication between NEMBA and the Board so they can update the information about these trails. The Board discussed different apps that might be updated as new trails are created or improved. The Board discussed the current mapping projects and how these might be updated as time goes on and trails are added and/or improved. As part of the discussion, Mr. Griffin offered to follow up with Southern New Hampshire Planning.

Deer Leap/ Moeckel Pond Updates:

Vice Chair Morris stated that they will be having a meeting tomorrow with Mr. McCarthy to talk about the stone wall bids to see if they will be moving forward with that.

The Board discussed some of the cameras that they had available to take pictures and the best way to take care of the batteries in these devices. The Board discussed the placement of these cameras.

Mr. Specian stated that there is limb near the front of the parking lot that may need to be removed that they might want to have a look at as a safety concern. Mr. Specian will reach out to Mr. Senibaldi to take a look at the branch.

Fosters Pond/ Greenway Updates:

Ms. Feldberg stated that one of the signs that was installed last summer by one of the Eagle Scouts is out of the ground and needs to be prepared. It appears to have been hit by a tree. The Board discussed having M and D go out to look at the damage to see if they might be able to repair it. Ms. Feldberg will go out to get pictures of the damage and send those along.

Rt. 28/Melvaine Forest Updates:

Chairman Curto stated that Mr. Babineau contacted him to let him know an abutter has installed “No Trespassing” signs over near Glendenin on trees rather than their own fence. The Board will contact the homeowner and ask him to remove the signs from the tree.

Vice Chair Morris stated that he had a conversation with other abutters on Glendenin about previous actions on the property they owned; the previous owner had cleared land that was conservation land according to Vice Chair Morris. The Board also discussed the easement that existed in the area and how best to work with the homeowner as well as the best way to coordinate the maintenance of these properties.

Other Conservation lands and Easements Updates:

Chairman Curto discussed the use of one of the abutting properties and that the use of motorcycles, though loud, was an allowed use.

Ms. Feldberg stated that the American Flagging and Traffic Control Company got back to her. Mr. Daggett stated that he can install a 36 x 36 sign. Each sign would be \$75. Ms. Feldberg stated that there was also pricing for a 36 x 18 which was \$210 each. Ms. Feldberg will write up the pricing and sizes and send it to the Board.

Miscellaneous items:

Chairman Curto has heard from Moosewood Ecological and he has forwarded the email to the Board. Chairman Curto discussed the importance of making sure that the presence of endangered species is documented on these properties. The Board discussed the connection between this study and Windham's Master Plan.

Chairman Curto stated that there was information in a draft to be submitted as part of the Master Plan.

Meeting Minutes Review and Approve: [9/22/2022, 10/13/22](#)

A motion was made by Ms. Feldberg to approve the September 22, 2022 draft minutes as amended. Seconded by Ms. Skinner. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morris to approved the October 13, 2022 draft minutes as amended. Seconded by Ms. Skinner. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

Public Meeting:

The Windham Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing required under RSA 36-A:5(II) on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Community Development Meeting Room. The Commission will consider making a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen to use monies from the Conservation Land Fund to purchase parcel 21-U-1 for conservation purposes, which is 18 acres on Lowell Road, for \$175,000.

Chairman Curto recused himself at this time for the Public Meeting. Vice Chair Morris read the purpose of the public meeting. Vice Chair Morris stated that Attorney Campbell had some work to complete on this topic and the public meeting will need to be moved.

A motion was made by Ms. Skinner to postpone the public hearing until the town's attorney is prepared to move forward. There is no specific time or date set for the future. Seconded by Ms. Bradley. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

ZBA: N/A

PB: N/A

Intent to Cut Applications: N/A

DES Permits & Correspondence:

- [24 Rolling Ridge Rd](#): 22-A-54 Wetlands Permit by Notification

Vice Chair Morris stated that this is privately owned and it is a shared easement. The Board members stated that they reviewed the draft of the wetlands application. The Board discussed that to decide who owns the property is beyond this board.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morris to allow the Chairman to sign the application. Seconded by Ms. Skinner. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

- Pre Dredge and Fill: Parcel 11-C-425, applicant Joseph Maynard, Benchmark Engineering

This was taken as the first item on the agenda. Mr. Joseph Maynard from Benchmark, LLC addressed the Board and reviewed the proposed plan. Mr. Maynard reviewed the history of the property and the wetland on the property. Mr. Maynard stated that the pavement on the property will be removed. Mr. Maynard stated that a portion of the site will be filled to get to the level they need to. Mr. Maynard reviewed the proposed catch basins on the property. The Board and Mr. Maynard reviewed the height of the water table. Mr. Maynard stated that he has a variance for all the work being done in the WWPD.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morris to allow the Chairman to sign the Dredge and Fill permit for Parcel 11-C-425. Seconded by Ms. Feldberg. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morris at 8:44pm to go into non-public session under RSA 91A: 3 II (d). Seconded by Ms. Skinner. Roll call vote: Chairman Curto, Vice Chair Morris, Ms. Skinner, Ms. Ferrisi, and Ms. Feldberg. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

The Board discussed land acquisition.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Morris to come out of non-public at 9:17 PM. Seconded by Ms. Skinner. Roll call vote: Chairman Curto, Vice Chair Morris, Ms. Skinner, Ms. Ferrisi, and Ms. Feldberg. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Ms. Feldberg to seal the minutes for 2 years. Seconded by Ms. Skinner. Roll call vote: Chairman Curto, Vice Chair Morris, Ms. Skinner, Ms. Ferrisi, and Ms. Feldberg. Vote 5-0. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Ms. Skinner to adjourn at 9:18 PM. Seconded by Vice Chair Morris. Roll call vote: Chairman Curto, Vice Chair Morris, Ms. Skinner, Ms. Ferrisi, and Ms. Feldberg. Vote. 5-0. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted by Anitra Lincicum (non-public minutes, Ms. Kara Feldberg)

Approved