

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2006

Present: Chris Giordano-Chair, Judy Jervis, Ron Comeau, Jason Holder

Others Present: Phil Emilio III, Carol Baird, Joel Collins, Curt Springer, Tammy Collins, Dave Knight, Wally Fries, Andy Ward, Shawn O'Neil, Chris Lauria, Betsy Sanders, Joe Luna

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm, televised and tape recorded.

JOINT MEETING

Joint meeting with the other boards of the town; Heritage, Forestry, and the Selectmen were represented for the purpose of reviewing the draft easement on the Town Forest. This was the second such meeting.

Betsy and Curt handed the CC a copy of the draft with their issues and concerns. Forestry had issues with the roles and responsibilities as presented by the Audubon Society. Their main concerns were with the Stewardship Plan and the Forest Management Plan. When did these plans have to be done? For the easement to be agreed upon or could they be started, if not completed before signing of the easement, could they be documents worked on over a period of time. They were also concerned with the cost of writing a Stewardship Plan and wanted the CC to pay for it. CC agreed to contact the Audubon to get more specifics on the time frame of the plans needed. Curt had concerns with ATV use being eliminated and the "shooting range" being discontinued. CC said the ATV use was to be on the road and the road could be left out of the easement. The "shooting range" was a Selectmen's issue. The CC is under the impression from minutes of a past Selectmen's meeting that they do not sanction the range; the range has never been a legal shooting area. Betsy had issues with the area in general as not being historically important and wanted any of such references excluded. The CC did not agree, nor did the HC. Also discussed was the issue of the reference to "commercial" timbering. CC and HC did not agree with FC that the area was ever a commercial timbering area. Commercial timbering would be eliminated. CC would look into grants available to do the Stewardship Plan. CC to contact Audubon to inquire if they have their own boundary markers that will be used around the easement area.

Joe and Carol thanked the CC for all the work that has been done on the easement.

See attachment-easement draft for the specific changes made.

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OTHER ISSUES:

* Minutes of September 7, 2006 were reviewed. Correction of Carol Barid to Carol Baird. Judy made a motion to accept with this correction. Ron 2nd, all in favor.

* Curt was concerned over Bob Meaney's property off the ROW in Colby Pond being developed. He wants the CC to purchase the land to help protect Peigon Hill "trail"

* Tree tags—CC to purchase more. Some have been purchased by developer Frank Caparco.

* Budget—Chris reviewed the budget to be presented to the Budget Committee. All agreed.

* CC has missed the date for this fall program of UNH students to complete our wetlands evaluation. We will apply for the spring round.

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* Chris said Emily from NH Fish & Game will be in at our Jan. 18, 2007 meeting to discuss and help us with issues such as working with NH Fish and Game, for the Master Plan, wetlands, and forest management/stewardship plan.

* Doucet Survey—to be getting our copies of their information and maps. The Heritage wrote the CC a letter of congratulations on the completion of this goal to get the outer boundaries of the Town Forest done.

* Dollars and Sense to be contacted by Judy

* Reviewed mail

* NON-PUBLIC: Judy stated that since the discussion will involve consideration of potential land purchase; which if discussed in public might benefit a party whose interests are adverse to those of the general community, RSA 91-A:3III(d) should warrant a non-public session. Jason 2nd the motion. A roll call by Chris: Ron-yes, Judy -yes, Jason-yes and Chris-yes. The vote was unanimous. Judy made a motion to adjourn the public meeting and move to a non-public. Ron 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chris thanked all how attend the meeting.

Judy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous: the meeting adjourned at 11pm.

*****NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2006*****

These minutes are not permanent record and are subject to approval at the next regularly scheduled CC meeting, at which time the above minutes, as corrected become permanent.

Minutes were prepared by Judy Jervis