

Members: Members: Chairman Carsten Springer, Jason Holder, Allan Hess, Bobby Loree, Patty Shogren (alternate member)

Absent: David Caillouette

Meeting called to order @ 7:40PM and televised

Pledge of Allegiance was recited: by those present

Chairman Springer appointed Patty Shogren a voting member in the absence of David Caillouette.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 17, 2016 minutes were reviewed and amended. A motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Carsten, seconded by Bobby Loree. Voting in the affirmative were: Carsten, Allan and Bobby. Jason and Patty abstained. The motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Carsten was reminded from the minutes of the last meeting that he needs to contact the scout master regarding the signs in the town forest. He will email Barry {Hantman} before the next meeting.
2. Carsten informed the members that Bobby had purchased apple trees. Bobby affirmed Carsten's statement that 6 trees were purchased for \$200.00 as approved by the commission. He has the invoice and receipt but was left at home. He will bring them to Patty Shogren in the selectman's office in the morning. Carsten sought a motion to reimburse Bobby the \$200.00 for the purchase, Allan made the motion which was seconded by Jason. The motion passed. Bobby abstained. Carsten asked Bobby to get the invoices together for the other items purchased such as grafting stock and seeds. Carsten noted that our expenditures are \$100.00 below the amount that was appropriated at the last meeting. Carsten is still looking for 4 or 5 reasonably priced apple trees to purchase in the \$13 apiece range.
3. Carsten updated the members on the attempted burn by the fire department (FD) on Saturday March 26th at the corner field {Sanborn Family Agricultural and Recreational Commons property}. It was unsuccessful due to wet conditions. The weather has not cooperated since. He texted Dave {Caillouette} this afternoon. Dave informed Carsten they {FD} are still planning to do it when possible and weather permitting. Carsten informed the group that Mary Ann {clerk} had purchased coffee and donuts on that day for the firefighters and ConCom members present. Mary Ann informed the chair that all receipts were given to Patty Shogren {BOS Administrator}.
4. Jason updated the members that the sign for the Sanborn property is in progress. Carsten asked what the wording will entail. Jason responded that the Timberlane shop needs to know that from the ConCom. Carsten asked Jason if he was still thinking of using what he had previously written down. Jason stated his statement needs to be shortened and should start with the name of the property. "The Sanborn Family Agricultural and Recreational Commons" and then add a script in smaller letters written on paper behind glass. Allan asked if the name would be on a header at the top. Jason answered in the affirmative. Carsten asked Jason what is the size of the sign and how much time the ConCom has to make the decisions. Jason initially answered 2'x 3' then later revised the size to 3'x 6'. Carsten inquired what other words would be on the sign. Patty stated she understood that only the header lettering would be done by the shop class. Jason affirmed this. Jason then explained the sign face would be made of plywood encased in 4"x 4" s with a roof over it. The style will be natural similar to the town forest sign. Patty asked if the sides will be wide enough and the roof come out far enough to have a place for a box to store brochures if we wanted to? Jason answered yes. Carsten thanked Jason for his efforts.

Communications: 1. Carsten thanked Patty for the link she sent from a conservation site that looked interesting. Patty noted that there are a lot of tools available for no charge such as materials and educational information. Patty stated she had forwarded it to all members of the ConCom. Carsten will resend it to Bobby who didn't recall receiving it. Patty then stated she would make a copy for Bobby.

2. Carsten then informed the group he had received a request from a group he thinks is from Massachusetts, but maybe NH regarding the Merrimack River. They were very vague in their request. They are asking for 15 minutes of ConCom time to present the benefits of buffers around rivers. Carsten stated the only connection we have to the Merrimack is the very tip of the Pow Wow {river} He wants more information before they come before the full commission and will take care of that.

3. An application from the road agent to the DES for a Drudge and Fill permit has been submitted for replacement of a culvert on Long Pond Road. Once the application is approved Bruce {Caillouette} wants to get started immediately for weather considerations. Carsten asked for permission to sign the permit if Bruce receives it back before the next meeting. Bruce has everything ready to go once the state ok's the application. The members gave Carsten permission to sign the permit and if he is not available, Jason {vice chair} has permission to sign it.

Update on the Milfoil Issue: Carsten reminded the members that at the last meeting, Kim Farah BOS representative to the ConCom, stated that the BOS would be sending a letter to the Long Pond Protection Association (LPPA) to work with the ConCom in conjunction with the BOS to insure that the amount of monies needed for milfoil management is received in a timely manner and not received after the town budget has been finalized. Bobby stated the letter had not been received and Jim Von Derheide {LPPA president} had also not received it. Patty stated she was also not aware that a letter from the BOS was to be sent. Carsten wanted it made know in the minutes that on this subject Bobby Loree is speaking as the VP of the LPPA and not a ConCom member. Bobby stated the LPPA is having a meeting in May and is just getting organized. Patty offered to bring this subject before the BOS on Monday. Carsten would first like for the ConCom to put together what kind context and paper trail should be required before it is brought to the BOS. Carsten suggested quarterly reports each year from the LPPA, the first by the end of March to the ConCom then to the BOS. The reason is to assure that the end of the year or beginning of the next we will not end up with the budget situation that we did this year. The reports will give us a clearer picture of what is happening. This will insure a cookie cutter time line for procedures and what needs to be done in a timely manner. Patty informed the group that adding the Milfoil treatment money after the budget had been set brought up the operating budget total close to \$10,000.00 which passed by only 3 or 4 votes. When in the process earlier it becomes a give and take with other budgets. Carsten stated his belief that if it hadn't passed by the 3 or 4 votes, the entire budget might have failed. He stated the milfoil monies come from a combination of LPPA funds, state grant money and public monies. Carsten suggested the quarterly reports come to the ConCom, cc'd to the BOS. He went on the state that although the LPPA applies for grant money every year for the milfoil management costs, there may come a year when grant money is not available in the state budget. Jason commented that the grant applications must be in by November 1st. Carsten stated then planning for this can be done in the third quarter. He stated that the follow items should be included in the quarterly reports from the LPPA: 1. Budget status of the LPPA. 2. Inspection status. 3. Plan of treatment. 4. Projected cost of treatment. 5. Timing of the planned action. Carsten asked if changes to this plan are needed. No changes were suggested. Jason commented some items may be inconclusive on some reports. Carsten agreed but felt it should be listed. If not completed, note why not. Carsten will try to get something in writing to Patty before Monday's BOS meeting or attend the meeting. Carsten continued that the reports are necessary because if this situation arises again, town funds may not be allocated and there would be no way we could advocate for the funds. Bobby informed the group that a resident from the other side of the pond has lost some of his water frontage and asked about draining some water off the pond as was done in the past. He explained in the

past the pond was drained on the north end so during the summer the meadow land could be used to graze the cows. The pond was filled up in the winter to run the mill. The resident thought it would be a solution to help mitigate the milfoil situation. Carsten stated there is at least one pond in the state that does this. They lower the dam to help diminish the milfoil infestation. Allan stated that they do that in N. Salem on the large pond. Carsten informed the group that a few years ago while at a DES meeting this was mentioned and frowned upon because of the impact to the wildlife in the pond. It is a man made pond and can be drained down to almost a stream. Mr. Griffin, the dam owner, no longer opens the dam because he does not need to. There were a lot more dams up along the Exeter River in use until the '60's and '70's. Since they have been sealed off there have been a lot more problems all the way up to Great Bay. Much has been blamed on development. But, he continued, the timing also co-insides with not opening and closing the dams. Allan equated it to not flushing a toilet and stated the lakes would be dropped 4 or 5 feet to the lily pads. Carsten would like the LPPA to pursue this options. It would be better than the use of herbicides to kill the milfoil. Carsten informed the members that although people refer to milfoil as an invasive species, it is native to North America. Bobby will bring it to the LPPA. Carsten suggested getting guidance from DES. Jason commented that if the pond is lowered, care should be taken to not lower the level of the wells of the homes around the pond. The clerk asked who owns the dam and was informed it was Bob Griffin. Kim Farah and the members of the ConCom agreed the regulation of dams is overseen by the DES and would like to see this pursued.

Carsten notified the members and will inform the forestry committee of a half day seminar (8 AM -12PM) on Saturday April 23rd at UNH regarding Red Oak Management. The cost is \$10 per person instead of \$15 because Danville belongs to the Forestry Association. Carsten must know in the next 24 hours those who wish to attend because of timing.

Adjournment: At 8:20 PM, Carsten made a motion, seconded by Jason, to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (d), *Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.* A roll call vote was taken: Bobby (yes), Jason (yes) Carsten (yes) Allan (yes) Patty (Yes).

At 8:15 PM The public meeting was concluded.

MINUTES PREPARED BY MARY ANN DISTEFANO

Amended/Approved on May 5, 2016 by majority of the Commission