

MINUTES

Deerfield Conservation Commission

6 Feb 2008

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Note: Minutes are considered drafts until revised and approved at the next meeting. Final revisions to these minutes will be contained in the minutes for the following meeting.

Present: Erick Berglund, Wes Golomb, Kate Hartnet, Diane Thompson and Dave Linden

January minutes: Diane made motion to accept, Kate seconded; unanimous.

Financial officer's report- Cindy Tomilson the town treasurer retired.

Action Item: Erick send a note to her thanking her for the years of help.

Motion by Diane to pay Upton and Hatfield for Menard Conservation easement –legal fees. \$445.38, Kate seconded – Passed Unanimously

Dave made motion and Kate seconded to pay \$3267.02 Transaction fee to Bear Paw. For Menard Easement. – Passed Unanimously

Land Conservation

Bearpaw is updating their easement documents which seem somewhat cumbersome, the question was raised, should we ask Jim Raymond if we can find a cost effective way to revise documents and make them easier to use.

Erick and Dave responded to a citizen complaint about timber harvest. They did a field investigation and recommended that the citizen contact DES wetlands. Wetlands contacted the district ranger who visited the site. A complete FORESTRY NOTIFICATION was received from DES wetlands on Jan 29 2007 w/ conditions for cutting.

#12: Erick reported an Environmental Assessment needs to be done. (to be done in March)

We need to finalize the approved usages for the Freese property.

Erick briefed members on a new federal initiative the wetland reserve program. This appears to have the potential for significant funding for land protection and would be one of the first priorities for the new land protection coordinator.

Erick reported through the BearPaw land protection committee that there is large amount open space being donated this year by private land owners in the BearPaw region.

Kate re: proposed revisions to the open space section of the town zoning ordinance.

Through the work of the NROC process and cooperation between cooperation of cc and planning board, the town has been working hard to find ways of protecting land through requiring open space developments, in addition to purchasing easements. Therefore it becomes extremely important to finish

the draft open space plan in 2008 using the new techniques from CTAP including the Natural Services Network.

Regulated Wetlands

Action Item: Dave will contact district ranger Bilideau to investigate.

In Jan Kate reported on a telephone conversation w/Dick Chandler regarding property adjacent to pleasant lake. She subsequently obtained copies of two police reports in Nov 2007 of apparent wetland violations adjacent to the spillway on pleasant lake regarding Mr. Chandler. The commission received a notice of wetland violation in January.

The commission received a nrfp from timberland of possible funding for Earth Day grants. Due to lack of time and volunteer availability the commission has to pass on the opportunity.

New Business

NH housing finance authority and the OEP are awarding \$400,000 in grants to towns over the next two years to create workforce housing and conservation projects (for technical assistance)

Old Business

Freese Use Plan- we need to put limits on the size of the kiosk (building will be no more that 200 square feet, one story, adjacent to the parking lot, sited and constructed in a way that minimizes its visible and functional impact.

Erick briefed the commission on Northwood Area Land Management Collaborative-a technique for supporting the wildlife action plan. He suggests that we invite Carl Wallman and Greg Pitman to discuss this strategy with us.

Action Item: Wes will complete town report.

Action Item: Erick will contact Monitor and Union Leader re: articles

CTAP funding opportunity NHEstuary program community technical assistance. Has funds available through 2008. Currently DCC has no capacity to apply for the funds.

Kate has received and met with the CLCA staff. Kate will complete survey now that Erick has provided the financial summary of the land conservation activities between 2002 and 2007

Energy Committee Report. Reported on work with library. At town deliberative session there is the opportunity to work with Mark Tibbetts on the fire station.

Announcements

On 2/21 6:30 SNH Planning – Conservation Commission Institute on Sustainable Landscaping.

Meeting adjourned