

**DEERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**1967 - FIFTY YEARS AND COUNTING - 2017**

Meeting Minutes – **August 13, 2018**

**Members Present:** Haley Andreozzi, Serita Frey, Kate Hartnett, Ben Minernd

**Members Absent:** Erick Berglund, Wes Golumb

**Visitors:** Onni Irish, John Duffy

Serita Frey called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**Visitors Onni Irish and John Duffy, representing the Pleasant Lake Preservation Association (PLPA) attended to request a letter of support for their Moose Plate Grant application.** This application is to follow up on their watershed restoration project that identified storm water runoff from shoreline residences as an important source of sediments and nutrients to the lake. The new application will focus on educating watershed residents about storm water runoff and how to reduce it using best management practices (e.g., rain gardens, vegetated buffers, dry wells, water diversion). *Serita Frey made a motion to write a letter of support for this application. Kate Harnett seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.*

Kate Harnett gave an update on the **Eversource Conditional Use Permit**. Per an email from resident Jim Page, Eversource appears to be complying with the conditions of the permit; they are submitting weekly monitoring reports with photos documenting approaches used minimize wetland impact.

**Easements & Land Protection:**

**Project #31:** DCC received final approval from the BOS to expend Conservation Fund monies on this project. The conservation easement document is in final stages of preparation, with the goal of closing the project by Sept. 1, 2018.

*Serita Frey moved with a second from Kate Hartnett, to approve the amount of \$222,000 to be paid from the conservation fund at closing to H. Gile Beye to purchase a conservation easement in conjunction with the Marston Farm Project #31. The motion passed unanimously.*

The final expenditure will reflect offsets of \$50,000 from an anonymous gift, and a grant of \$50,000 from the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) once the project is complete (after September 1<sup>st</sup>). A transaction grant is also anticipated in the amount of \$7500.00.

**Project #35:** There will be an LCHIP Site Visit on Sept 11. Ben Minernd and Haley Andreozzi volunteered to represent DCC.

**Edythe H. Boisvert Town Forest:** The last item to be finalized was related to parking. **Serita Frey made a motion to adopt the final language for inclusion in the conservation easement:**

*"A parking area, not to exceed 1,500 sq ft, may be established for visitors. Placement of the parking area shall be based on negotiations between Grantor and Grantee. Such a right would be exercised only if access through other properties is not available. Any parking location chosen shall minimize fragmentation of the parcel and the larger Lamprey Headwaters."*

**Haley Andreozzi seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.** We are looking at an October timeframe for wrap-up/closing, as soon as the baseline documentation is completed by Bear-Paw.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion by Serita Frey to approve the minutes of the July 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting was followed with a second by Haley Andreozzi. The motion passed with Ben Minernd abstaining.

**Finance:** The balance in the conservation fund at the end of June was \$409,087.20.

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**Announcements:**

Phragmites management in town remains a priority and DCC continues to look for a cost effective way to find a licensed pesticide applicator.

Chair Frey adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

**The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept 10, 2018**

*(Please check the website for scheduling changes)*

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*These minutes were prepared and submitted by Serita Frey. Revisions, if any, will be contained in the minutes of the next meeting. If amended, a revised version will be posted to the website, after approval by the Deerfield Conservation Commission*