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Conservation Commission
Meeting minutes of
May 15, 2019

PRESENT: Paul Carideo, Tim Lovell, Brent Ebner, Neil Reardon, David Treat and Steve Ungerer.

GUEST: Hadley Road area neighbors

Mr. Lovell called the meeting to order at 7PM

Minutes

Mr. Lovell made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of April 17, 2019, Mr. Carideo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Eagle Scout Project

Mr. Lovell provided an update concerning Casey Phelan's Eagle Scout project. He would like to build benches with pressure treated wood and install them on conservation land. The Commission will provide him with the locations of the benches. It is expected that five will be built. Casey will be working on raising the funds for the project.

Funds for the Water Resource Committee

Mr. Carideo recused himself from the discussion. Mr. Lovell explained that he would like \$1,000 to come from the trails maintenance fund to help the Water Resource Committee with costs that they might incur as a result of educating the public about water resources. The RSAs allow the Commission to do this. Mr. Treat was wondering if the Commission could support the Committee in a non-monetary way. Mr. Ungerer asked if this had been done for any other organization and the response was no. Mr. Lovell said that the funds would be dispersed as needed and not to be paid up front. It was decided that the Commission would not use its own funds to support the Water Resource Committee and if needed they should seek support from the Town directly.

Mr. Lovell made a motion to table funding for the Water Resource Committee, until such time as the Water Resource Committee is in need of funding and has been denied by the Town. Mr. Ebner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DES Clean Water Drinking Water Funds meeting

Mr. Lovell advised of an upcoming meeting, which will discuss funding mechanisms for clean drinking water.

Tax deeded properties

The Commission received a copy of Town Counsel's recommended language for the property located at Map 16/Lot 2 and the Noyes conservation deed. The Commission will review both, make recommended changes and discuss those at the next meeting. The cost for the recent research was \$500 for title research, several hundred for the drafting of the

recent language for the new deed and there will also be costs associated with the closing. Mr. Treat suggested that the research on the other parcels and the closing could be done simultaneously to save on costs.

It was also mentioned that when the vote was taken in the 1990's "conservation easement" might have meant something differently in the 90's than it does now.

Baywood Drive

Photographs were taken of the site that showed standing water. The Planning Board will be conducting its own site walk. A soil scientist will be there as well.

Mr. Carideo provided an update concerning the issues before the planning board. He also provided an update from the Water Resource Committee.

Hadley Road

Mr. Lovell explained that the Conservation Commission has the authority to construct a parking area on conservation land or it can accept it as a gift, which wouldn't cost the Conservation Commission any money. Other options had been explored for a while and this is the best option without a cost to the Town.

Parking at the Plaistow Town Forest is 3 miles from this location. The distances from other trailheads were also mentioned and are situated far from the Hadley Road location.

West Road

There was a discussion about owners of pets not removing pet waste from the trail system. The Commission thought that signs placed at the trail heads might be a good reminder to dog owners.

Mr. Reardon made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Mr. Treat. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

The next meeting will be held on June 19th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Theriault, AA Town of Hampstead