

MINUTES, BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION, JANUARY 13, 2010

Present: Rob Wofchuck, Chair; Emily Schmalzer and Doug Cowie, members; and Victor Schmalzer and Reid Bunker, Alternates.

Rob called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM. Doug moved, and Emily seconded, that Victor and Reid be accorded voting rights. All were in favor.

Minutes were approved by all but Reid, who abstained because he had been absent.

Open Space update: The next application deadline for WRP projects is February 1. We will continue to pay David Viale of the Southeast Land Trust (SELT) to help us with the easements. Doug moved, and Emily seconded, and all passed the motion to empower the chair to act within the budget to use the money for the SELT contract as needed.

We have dues to pay to the NH Association of Conservation Commission and to ERLAC, \$250 and \$150 respectively. Doug moved, Reid seconded and all unanimously approved paying these.

Conservation Commission:

Item for the town report: It is due on February 12 and Victor has accepted responsibility for it. Suggestions included:

Success on protecting 4 parcels through the WRP, after checking with Sue Hoey about possible disclosure restrictions.

\$9K grant from Piscataqua Regions Estuaries Project for developing a Storm Water Management Ordinance.

Exeter River Geomorphic Study completion, with report due in the spring of 2010.

River invertebrates and water health on-site seminar at Haigh Road bridge with Sally Soule from DES and ERLAC. Our members were joined by people from the neighboring towns along the river.

Teach Your Child to Fish project just below Pickpocket Dam.

Easement monitoring: We have finished almost all the work for 2009 at this point. There are various deadlines for submitting the reports. Some of the agencies involved in the oversight and/or funding of the various easements have been asking Rob for copies of our local monitoring, we need to comply with this. The DES, for example, has an interest in a number of our town projects, also SELT and LCIP. We will go through the easements and update our chart to make these obligations clear. We will continue to try to perform all the easement monitoring ourselves.

We need more members, especially now that Ray Jones has decided to retire. Rob will advertise in the Brentwood Newsletter, and we can all ask around as well.

There being no further business to discuss, we agreed unanimously to adjourn at 8:05, Reid and Doug moving and seconding the proposal simultaneously.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Schmalzer