

## BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting of March 2, 2011

Members In attendance: Emily Schmalzer and Rob Wofchuck, chair

Alternates in attendance: Victor Schmalzer and Reid Bunker

Meeting convened at 7:00PM.

1. Wofchuck moved to give V. Schmalzer and Bunker voting rights. E. Schmalzer seconded and the motion passed.
2. V. Schmalzer moved the December minutes. Bunker seconded the motion. The December minutes were approved. E. Schmalzer abstained.
3. Review of Standard Dredge and Fill Permit for proposed subdivision on South Road
  1. Sherry Trefry from GZA GeoEnvironmental discussed the permit and pointed out the two wetland crossings that would be impacted. She explained the first was by South Road where the road came into the development and where the dry hydrant will be located. The second is where the road crosses the wetlands further in. She indicated these spots were chosen to minimize wetland impact.
  2. Ms. Trefry also explained that an updated report from the Natural Heritage Bureau was required because the first request only included a limited area by the dry hydrant. On that report, there were no incidents of threatened or endangered species. However, on a subsequent request for the entire lot, there were three hits for endangered or threatened species – the Brook Floater, Blanding’s Turtle, and Spotted Turtle. Ms. Trefry provided correspondence with Kim Tuttle of NH Fish and Game regarding the above species. Ms. Tuttle inquired whether there were any vernal pools on the property and whether curbing or catch basins would be used in the development. Ms. Trefry responded that there were no vernal pools, no proposed curbing and no proposed catch basins. Ms. Trefry further stated that the development was not highlighted in the NH Wildlife Action Plan as Highest Ranked Habitat in NH, Highest Ranked Habitat in the Biological Region or Supporting Landscapes.
  3. The Commission did not have any comments to submit on the Permit.
4. The Southeast Land Trust (SELTNH) submitted “ Current Conditions Reports” on the Town of Brentwood (Hudgeons parcel) Conservation Easement, Rockingham Land Trust (Gove) Conservation Easement, and the Robinson Conservation Easement. The Town owns the first parcel and holds the executory interest on the latter two. SELTNH is reviewing their files and requesting the Town sign off on these current condition reports in order to complete SELTNH’s files. The Commission members present did not have specific knowledge of the properties and were going to ask other members not present whether they were familiar with the properties before recommending sign-off to the Selectman.
5. Wofchuck made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II(a) to discuss open space opportunities. V. Schmalzer seconded. All voted in favor.
  1. Following discussion, E. Schmalzer made a motion, seconded by Bunker, to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes. All voted in favor.
6. Wofchuck discussed the Revised 2011 Budget. Wofchuck stated that the Budget Committee voted down the proposed Conservation Budget that was presented to the Selectmen. The Budget Committee voted it down due to the replenishment of the Conservation Fund which caused the 2011 budget to be higher than the 2010 budget. Wofchuck stated he appeared at

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the February 15, 2011 Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss the issue since there is an agreement by the Selectmen that the Conservation Fund would be replenished each year at \$75,000. Wofchuck read a portion of the minutes from the Selectmen's meeting that showed the Selectmen still are very supportive of the agreement and agreed to replenish in future years.

7. Town Meeting – There is a warrant article at the upcoming town meeting to extend the expiration of the Open Space Bond for two additional years. Wofchuck noted he will not be able to attend the meeting and asked members to support the warrant article if there is opposition. Wofchuck will prepare some notes on the Open Space Bond for those in attendance.
8. Easement Monitoring – the 2010 easement worksheet was reviewed with most easements being walked in 2010. Several reports still need to be written and distributed to interested parties. Wofchuck to follow-up with members not present to complete reports.
  1. It was agreed that SELTNH would be asked to do a “current conditions” report on the Commercial Drive easements since the boundaries are difficult. SELTNH will be asked to produce a GPS track that can be followed in future years.
9. Wofchuck stated that the three grants awarded in 2010 are progressing and he has submitted final contracts on the 319a grant and moose plate grant to the Selectmen for their signature.

At 9:00 PM, Bunker moved to adjourn, V. Schmalzer seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Wofchuck