

BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2010

Attendees: Rob Wofchuck, chair; Doug Cowie, Jody Kaufman, and Emily Schmalzer. members; Victor Schmalzer and Reid Bunker, alternates; David Viale, guest (Southeast Land Trust consultant).

Rob called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. The members unanimously moved, seconded and passed the according of voting rights to Victor and Reid.

Open Space Subcommittee:

Rob and Dave reported on the WRP submissions which were received as of the February 3 deadline.

Dave told us that there are changes in the WRP project's ranking criteria for 2010. There are now additional points to be assigned if the applicant can show that there are other funding sources to supplement or match the application.

We discussed the pros and cons of using town money for this purpose. How should we allocate our funds? We need to work with the selectmen and perhaps to have a hearing before the money is spent. As to the ranking: we have already ranked many of our projects according to the rules set out in our town Master Plan.

The NRCS is having a workshop for WRP-eligible landowners on March 18 in Concord, sponsored by the SPNHF.

The consensus of the committee is that we should wait this funding round out as far as offering money from the town to forward the applications, in part because the funding likelihood looks less promising than the one to come.

Conservation Committee:

Phil Auger, forester and Extension Educator for Land and Water Conservation, is currently emphasizing the management of specific parcels for specific projects. An

example has been the petition of one easement holder in town which has been approved to plant an acre of American chestnut trees.

PREP grants: The Piscataqua Region Estuaries Project funded us with \$9000 to develop our Storm Water Management ordinance this past year. Rob is asking someone in the committee to spearhead an application for this year. We might consider extending the analysis of Brentwood's habitat by developing further the Inventory we have previously developed, with particular attention to the resources provided by land already in conservation.

Rob has designed new flow sheets for reporting the yearly surveillance of the conservation parcels. Henceforth Heather Dudley-Tatman will be keeping the records electronically.

There will be a meeting with Representative Carol Shea-Porter on March 15 to discuss environmental issues relating to the Great Bay Watershed for anyone interested in attending.

There being no further business, we unanimously moved, seconded and agreed to adjourn at 8:30. Our next meeting will be Wednesday April 14 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Schmalzer