

BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting of March 14, 2012

Members In attendance: Doug Cowie, Heather Gilbert, Emily Schmalzer, Heather Dudley-Tatman and Rob Wofchuck, chair

Alternates in attendance: Victor Schmalzer and Reid Bunker

Meeting convened at 7:06PM.

- 1) Cowie made motion and E Schmalzer seconded to give V Schmalzer and Bunker voting rights. The motion passed.
- 2) The February 22, 2012, minutes were moved by Cowie and seconded by Bunker. The minutes were approved.
- 3) Cowie and Wofchuck provided an update on the Stormwater Project.
 - i) ZBA approved variance for Hussey/Wilson lot line adjustment.
 - ii) Wofchuck presented a summary of the Wetland Permit Application for the Exeter River Water Quality Improvements and Buffer Restorations. Cowie moved that the Wetland Permit Application be signed. Bunker seconded and the motion passed.
 - iii) Len Lord from RCCD is going to work on fertilizer brochure after the work has been completed to use as incentive for people to care about the river and the work that has been done.
 - iv) Wofchuck would like suggestions of locations to consider for a second phase of project(s).
- 4) Wofchuck provided an update on Open Space.
 - i) The public hearing has been scheduled for the next meeting (April 11) to authorize the expenditure of up to \$17,500 from the conservation fund for the costs associated with the donation of a new ~42 acre easement that has been offered for donation.
- 5) The commission will sponsor a roadside cleanup event to coincide with the celebration of Earth Day. The date of Saturday, April 21st was selected. The commission discussed. A barbecue lunch will be provided.
- 6) Wofchuck stated that he has received the annual contract to for the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire. The contract is for January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. The contract is to provide requested services on an hourly basis for up to \$2,500. Bunker moved that the contract should be signed. Cowie seconded the motion and motion passed.
- 7) Wofchuck stated that the Trails Committee has asked to mow the trail through Stevens Field and around the edge. The commission discussed and wants to get Kaufman's opinion on the trail as she is more familiar with it.
- 8) Wofchuck provided an update on Easement mentoring.
 - i) The monitoring needs to be completed for 2011 and 2012.
- 9) Wofchuck announced some upcoming events.
 - i) May 2nd, the NH DES Drinking Water Source Protection workshop.
 - ii) Ongoing Local Officials workshop series, ask to see brochure.

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10) V Schmalzer presented and ERLAC update.

- i) Vernal Pool workshop will be on May 5th.
- ii) Fish Ladder Tour on June 2nd.
- iii) Kayak tour, date to be determined.
- iiii) Salt Marsh Ecology workshop, date to be determined.

At 8:30 PM, Cowie moved to adjourn, Bunker seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Dudley-Tatman