

## BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting of April 13, 2011

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

Alternates in attendance: Victor Schmalzer and Reid Bunker

Meeting convened at 7:10PM.

- 1) Cowie made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3,II(a) to discuss open space opportunities. E. Schmalzer seconded. All voted in favor.
  - a) Following discussion, Cowie made a motion, seconded by E. Schmalzer, to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes. All voted in favor.
- 2) Cowie moved to give V. Schmalzer voting rights. Dudley-Tatman seconded and the motion passed.
- 3) Cowie moved the March minutes. Dudley-Tatman seconded the motion. The March minutes were approved. Dudley-Tatman and Cowie abstained.
- 4) The Southeast Land Trust (SELTNH) has 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. Kaufman will review the reports and the easements and report to Wofchuck to determine if sign-off is appropriate.
- 5) Open Space Update – There are three applicants for the WRP grants and waiting for the next round to be funded. Dave Viale from the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire (SELTNH) will review the current applications and update the applications where improvements to the rankings can be made.
- 6) Coordination of Grants for Exeter River Water Quality and Buffer Project - Wofchuck stated that the three grants awarded in 2010 are still in progress and he would like someone to coordinate paperwork for the town. The RCCD will manage the project. Cowie offered to be the coordinator.
- 7) Update Open Space Rankings Worksheet – Wofchuck stated that he would like the commission to update the Open Space Rankings Worksheet. He would like someone to coordinate this effort. There were no volunteers at the time.
- 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.
- 9) Old Business
  - a) Bills
    - i) Lamprey River Watershed Association 1 Year Membership
    - ii) New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions MembershipCowie moved to pay both memberships. Bunker seconded and the motion passed.
- 10) New Business
  - a) E. Schmalzer attended a Water Quality Meeting in Raymond that she reported was very good.

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- b) E. Schmalzer also attended SE Eatershed Alliance Board of Directors meeting.
- c) V. Schmalzer gave an update on ERLAC
  - i) The state has proposed to do away with the Shoreland Protection Act. The effects of this will need to be followed up on.
  - ii) The next ERLAC sponsored Vernal Pool Walk will be on May 14, 2011.

At 8:52 PM, Cowie moved to adjourn, Bunker seconded and the motion carried.  
Respectfully submitted by Heather Dudley-Tatman