

BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION Meeting of

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April 14, 2010

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

Alternate in attendance: Victor Schmalzer and Reed Bunker

Meeting convened at 7:03PM.

1. Cowie moved to give V. Schmalzer and Bunker voting rights. Kaufman seconded and the motion passed.
2. Cowie moved the March minutes. Kaufman seconded the motion. The March minutes were approved. Dudley-Tatman arrived after this vote.
3. Open Space Update – Wofchuck reported that Dave Viale from the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire (SELTNH) had no specific updates but stated that a large project may be taking a lot of the funding for this round of WRP, which will push some of our projects lower on the funding list.
4. Easement Monitoring – Wofchuck spoke with Dave Viale regarding an inquiry about the potential to remove stumps and plant chestnut trees on an easment. Dave Viale stated that the work would be allowable using best management practices and as long as the commission was notified in writing.
5. V Schmalzer and E Schmalzer attended the Saving Special Places conferences. They reported that it was good and including a lot on funding sources and a discussion on the dollars and sense of conservation easments.
6. ERLAC – V Schmalzer reported no significant updates from ERLAC. There will be a public meeting on the Great Dam on April 29.
7. Piscataqua Region Estuaries Project (PREP) grant has funding for next year. Wofchuck is looking for ideas for grant application. Ideas include Fluvial Erosion Hazards, NH Wildlife Action Plan or updating easement files.
8. Wofchuck reports that he and Mr. Seekamp have been working with Trout Unlimited and Swasey Central School to get a “trout in the classroom”.
9. Wofchuck stated that Mr Seekamp reported that he was not happy with the 111A Emergency Culvert Replacement. Mr. Seekamp plans to follow-up with NH DOT.
10. Southeast Watershed Alliance – Wofchuck explained that the alliance was formed to find solutions to the nitrogen loading to Great Bay as is required by EPA. Wofchuck stated that he had a presentation given to the Selectmen on the potential impacts and the findings may have on the town. E Schmalzer expressed an interest in attending these meetings.
11. Vernal Pools Walk is May 1 at 10AM at Swasey Central School.

At 8:54 PM, Bunker moved to adjourn, Cowie seconded and the motion carried.