

## BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting of June 8, 2011

Members In attendance: Doug Cowie, Jody Kaufman, Emily Schmalzer, and Rob Wofchuck, chair

Alternates in attendance: Victor Schmalzer and Reid Bunker

Public in attendance: George and Elaine Hussey of Rowell Road West

Meeting convened at 7:06PM.

- 1) Cowie moved to give V. Schmalzer and Bunker voting rights. Kaufman seconded and the motion passed.
- 2) Minutes: Reid noted a few typos and the omission of the names of a couple of attending members. He will speak to Heather about them. We agreed, and the minutes were proposed, seconded and passed as amended by Doug and Jody and everybody respectively.
- 3) Open Space: The proposal to acquire easement rights on the Lyford property has been worked out and presented to the Board of Selectmen. Rob discussed the budget for purchase of the easement. The easement was appraised for \$490,000. A grant with the Farm and Ranchland Protection Program is being submitted which would cover half of the easement cost. The Town, through the Open Space Bond, would pay for the remaining half of the conservation easement and closing costs. The town's approved open space bond still has about \$280,000 remaining. The selectmen have agreed that the project is worthy of funding and approved using the remaining open space bond to fund this project. Additionally, the buildings and conserved land for farming is planned to be sold to Jeff and Kate Donald. On the open space parcel ranking worksheet which we have used on prior parcels protected with the Open Space Bond, this project comes out to score 91 out of a possible 120 points or so, better indeed than others that have been funded. The first of the two public hearings to discuss the town's use of the open space bond will take place on Monday, June 20, at 7:15PM. The FRP grant application will be due this summer, and we hope to complete the process by the end of the year.
- 4) The Exeter River Stormwater Management and Buffer Project on Haigh Road/Rowell Road West. The NH DES 319a grant and Mooseplate grant have been approved and authorized by the legislature and Governor's Executive Council. The NH ARM grant is on the agenda for the June 8 Executive Council meeting. George and Elaine Hussey are here tonight to learn more of our plans regarding the road and the use of the land between it and the river. Their property abuts the strip of land belonging to the Wilsons which is proposed for Brie Dillon's memorial garden. They now seem to understand and accept what the project entails; much of their concern now is the plan to revise and pave the hill to diminish storm water flow into the river. Mr. Hussey then commented on their desire to see the entire Rowell Road West paved down to Haigh Road. Mr. Hussey stated at that selectmen's meeting years ago, the spokesman for the neighborhood made it seem that the residents opposed paving the entire road while in fact most of the others were not opposed. In fact, he said, they believe that paving at least to the bottom of the hill where their house is situated would be very beneficial. Many ATV drivers enjoy playing on the road there, and they raise a lot of dust. Rob commented that it was unlikely the town would pave from Robinson since that portion

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of the road is Class VI. It was suggested that they speak to Wayne Robinson about this, and if that is unsuccessful, another option is to present a petition in the form of a warrant article at the next town meeting.

- 5) Easement monitoring: We are still delinquent on a few of our easement monitoring projects. It is now tick season, and it would be safer if we could put off finishing until the fall. The two most pressing parcels are visible in almost their entirety from the road, so Emily suggested that that a visual inspection might satisfy the various agencies concerned for the time being.

Motion to adjourn was proposed, seconded and moved by a unanimous chorus at 9:05pm.

The next meeting will be on the second Wednesday of July, the 14th, unless otherwise determined in the interim.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Schmalzer  
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