

BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting of June 13, 2012

Members in attendance: Jody Kaufman, Heather Gilbert, Heather Dudley-Tatman and Rob Wofchuck, chair

Alternates in attendance: Victor Schmalzer and Reid Bunker

Meeting convened at 7:05PM.

- 1) Wofchuck made motion and Gilbert seconded to give Bunker and V Schmalzer voting rights. The motion passed.
- 2) The May 6, 2012, minutes were moved by Gilbert and seconded by Bunker. The minutes were approved.
- 3) Charlie Zilch, Project Manager for S. E. Cummings and Associates, Inc. presented a Dredge and Fill Application for 180 Route 125, LLC, Tax Map 216, Lots 27 and 28. The wetland area to be impacted is 724 square feet to allow for a 24 foot wide paved commercial drive way. The commission asked questions and discussed the application. Alternate locations for the driveway were explored but none found appeared reasonable. Impacted wetland was isolated and appeared to have low value. Kaufman moved to have Wofchuck sign the expedited dredge and fill application. Bunker seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- 4) Wofchuck presented an Update on Exeter River Stormwater Project.
 - a. The Wilson/Hussey lot line adjustment needs to be finalized on the easement;
 - b. The grant will issue funds prior to filing the easement;
 - c. No comments have been received on the Wetlands Permit.
- 5) Wofchuck presented an Update on the proposed Phase II Exeter River Stormwater Project. Turbidity monitoring was completed during several storm events. While turbidity increased during some storm events a source as well as a solution has not been identified. The commission decided to complete some more monitoring but to wait until a source or solution has been identified before investing in grant applications.
- 6) Open Space Update. WREP grants moving forward. The 5 landowners have signed agreements. The Nesbit easement may require that the property be subdivided to facilitate the transfer of ownership on the easement portion. Gilbert moved that in the event that a property subdivision for purpose of the conservation easement is required per the existing grant application that the commission supports the subdivision. Bunker seconded and the motion passed.
- 7) Wofchuck provided a reminder on Easement mentoring.
 - a. The monitoring needs to be completed for 2011 and submitted to DES and SELT.
 - b. The 2012 can be completed any time.

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- 8) Wofchuck handed out a copy of the commission's web page in the town web site. Some of the information is out dated. V. Schmalzer volunteered to edit the write-up.
- 9) Wofchuck handed out an old draft of a Policy on Easement Stewardship Fund he found. He asked if the commission had thoughts or remembered previous discussions on the policy. Not much was remembered from earlier but based on the precedent set by other organizations the commission thought it should be looked into further.
- 10) On June 26 the Land Trust will be holding a training session on performing easement monitoring.
- 11) The UNH Stormwater Center, in collaboration with UNH Extension is submitting a proposal to a US Dept of Agriculture program for integrated water quality improvement and asked if Brentwood would like to be involved. UNH SWC is proposing to work collaboratively with several towns within a watershed to implement demonstration stormwater projects which could include construction, outreach, load analysis, or other BMPs the town identifies as a priority. The project would include 3 year funding, likely \$200k per town, in depth analysis of town by UNH stormwater center (% lawns, %pavement, etc.) includes funds for doing projects, outreach, etc, town decides what projects to do, no cash from town required but does require support and intent to continue with maintenance on any funded projects, some outreach. The UNH SWC is looking for a letter of commitment to include with their grant application. Dudley-Tatman moved that Wofchuck prepare a letter stating that commission is interested in being included in the integrated water quality improvement project and understands that a monetary match is not required but that involvement would require involvement to engage citizens and obtain community support. Bunker seconded the motion and the motion passed.

At 8:50PM, Gilbert moved to adjourn, Bunker seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Dudley-Tatman