

BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting of September 14, 2011

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

Alternates in attendance: Victor Schmalzer and Reid Bunker

Meeting convened at 7:08PM.

- 1) Motion to give Bunker voting rights by Jones and seconded by E Schmalzer. All were in favor.
- 2) The August 10, 2011 minutes were moved by Cowie and seconded by Jones. All in favor with E. Schmalzer, Kaufman, and Bunker, Dudley-Tatman abstaining.
- 3) The Exeter River Clean-Up Day is scheduled for October 1, 2011 at 10AM. Announcements were published in town newsletter and the Carraige Towne News. Wofchuck asked for volunteers to help that day.
- 4) Wofchuck provided an update on the Exeter River Stormwater Project.
 - i) Cowie has been acting as the liaison for this project. Len Lord from RCCD will pass the bills on to Cowie for review. The bills will be submitted to the various agencies that provided the grants for payment. The payments will be sent to the Town to be deposited into the Conservation Fund. The bills will then be paid out of the Conservation Fund to the vendors. The Town will not be paying any bills until the funds are received from the grant agencies. A Public Hearing is scheduled for October 12, 2011, to discuss the payment methodology for processing checks and expenditures from the Conservation Fund for this project.
 - ii) The project was presented to Exeter River Local Advisory Committee (ERLAC) and an RFP for the survey of the easement was prepared and sent out.
 - iii) The applications and permits are underway but the physical work will likely happen in the spring.
- 5) Wofchuck provided an update on Open Space.
 - i) The WRP grants have no additional funding. A form is required to keep an already submitted grant in submission for consideration during the next round.
 - ii) Wofchuck attended a site walk tomorrow with Southeast Land Trust to look at a piece of land brought to our attention by a realtor. This is 18 acres that abuts the Pilgrim Church and County Farm off of Homestead Lane. It was suggested that this parcel should consider application for the next round of WRP funding.
 - iii) The easement on the Lyford property is moving forward.
- 6) Wofchuck provided an update on Easement mentoring.
 - i) The SELTNH will do the monitoring for the Commercial Drive easement.
 - ii) The SELTNH can do aerial reporting for easement monitoring. The SELTNH protocol is that aerial monitoring can be completed for two years and then an on-foot monitoring even should be conducted on the third year. Wofchuck proposed having the SELT perform the aerial reporting and that the on foot monitoring be staggered during the 3 year period.

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7) Wofchuck presented a quote to have the University of New Hampshire (UNH) Water Quality Analysis Laboratory (WQAL) collect and analyze monthly samples from in or near the town to collect information on the Town's non point source impacts to the Exeter River. The commission discussed and Wofchuck moved that the commission will support the concept of surface water quality monitoring to town's impacts to the Exeter River and therefore Great Bay. The motion was seconded by Jones and passed. Wofchuck will discuss and get input from the Planning Board and Selectboard.

8) During the October 20, 2011 Planning Board meeting the Rockingham Planning Commission will present an educational discussion on fluvial erosion hazard zones. This discussion will be timely in light of regional flooding issues and the result of the recently published Geomorphology Study.

At 8:47 PM, Cowie moved to adjourn, Jones seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Dudley-Tatman