

BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting of October 12, 2011

Members In attendance: Doug Cowie, Ray Jones, 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 Dudley-Tatman and seconded by Cowie. All were in favor.
- 2) The September 14, 2011, minutes were moved by Cowie and seconded by Jones. The motion passed with all in favor.
- 3) Wofchuck presented a summary of The Exeter River Clean-Up Day held on October 1, 2011. It was considered a success with over 20 people participating and the towns of Brentwood, Exeter, Kingston, and Fremont represented along with a University of New Hampshire student in attendance. Over 15 bags of trash along with two tires and bike were collected from four locations (across from new Fire Station, Pickpocket Dam, Route 111/Powder Mill Road, and Haigh Road/Rowell Road West crossing) on the Exeter River. Wofchuck asked for volunteers to continue for next year. Dudley Tatman and E. Schmalzer to work a spring roadside clean up and continue the fall Exeter River cleanup.
- 4) 7:28 PM Wofchuck opens public hearing. No members of the public are present.

Wofchuck state that the public hearing is to discuss the payment methodology for processing checks and expenditures for grants through the Conservation Fund. The town has received several grants in association with the Exeter River Stormwater Management and Buffer Restoration project. Leonard Lord with the Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD) is acting as the project manager. The RCCD passes on the bills to the commission. Cowie acting as liaison for the Commission reviews and approves the bills and returns to RCCD. The bills are then submitted to the grant program(s) which will provide funding. The Grant programs will provide the Town a payment for the bills. The payment will be placed into the Conservation Fund. The bills will then be paid out of the Conservation Fund with funds received from the grants.

E Schmalzer moves and Bunker seconds that the funds for payment of the Stormwater Management Project received from the grant programs be processed through the Conservation Fund for payment. The motion passes with all in favor.

Cowie moves to close the Public Hearing. Jones seconds the motion and the motion carries. The Public Hearing is closed at 7:39PM.

- 5) Cowie provided an update on the Stormwater Management Project.
 - i) The easement has been prepared and reviewed by various parties.
 - ii) The survey for the easement is underway.
 - iii) Wofchuck proposes the commission consider a second Stormwater Project. The second project may consist of other areas/projects identified in the Geomorphology report of the Exeter River or other Stormwater projects identified like the double culvert on Rowell Road

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- West. The commission discussed and agreed upon interest in talking to RCCD and identifying projects and clarifying application process and cost. Cowie to contact RCCD.
- 6) Wofchuck presented the proposed 2012 budget. The commission discussed and updated the proposed budget. E. Schmalzer moved and Cowie seconded the proposed budget of \$10,097 be submitted to the Selectmen. The motion carried.
- 7) Wofchuck provided an update on Open Space.
- i) The easement on the Lyford property is moving forward. Wofchuck presented an update at the October 11, 2011 Selectmens' meeting. The draft easement has been prepared and is being reviewed. The application to use funds from the Open Space bond has been submitted by the Town Treasurer.
 - ii) The Fremont Conservation Commission has asked if the commission was interested in purchasing an easement on a parcel in Brentwood on the west side of Route 125 with would abut a parcel they are currently working on. This parcel is one that the commission has considered previously. It is a commercially zoned property. The commission discussed and maintains the opinion that this property is too expensive and not part of the current priorities of the open space committee.
- 8) Wofchuck provided an update on Easement monitoring.
- i) The Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire to do the monitoring for the Commercial Drive easement.
 - ii) The monitoring needs to continue for 2011.
 - iii) The Society for New Hampshire Forests is looking for their reports. Dudley-Tatman to follow-up.
- 9) Wofchuck presented new business.
- i) New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions will hold their annual meeting on November 5, 2011.
 - ii) 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 8:45 PM, E. Schmalzer moved to adjourn, Cowie seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Dudley-Tatman