

BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION Meeting of

October 14, 2009

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

Alternates in attendance: Victor Schmalzer, Reed Bunker

Meeting convened at 7:04PM.

1. Guest: Dave Viale from the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire (SELTNH) was present to provide an open space update

Wetland Reserve Program (WRP)

- Current four applicants have accepted offers. Dave will check in with Sue Hoey at NRCS and provide land owners updates on status and process. Wofchuck provided an update that he has prepared a letter of support for the subdivision and easement for the Gallant property.
- Potential Future Applicants –
 - Nisbet Property - Dave met with the owner of the Nisbet property. He will provide a follow-up letter detailing the program and the need to understand the development status of the property. The Class of the road needs to be figured out and will affect the value of the property. Dave has suggested that the application be filled out once the road status is determined with the hopes of getting a dollar value based on the WRP standard formula early in the process.
 - Several other properties that had been considered under other programs for grants will be followed up on to see if can get an offer under the Wetland Reserve Program. Dave will work with Sue on these properties.
 - Search for property for Sale – Dave search the properties for sale in the town. He identified the property on 485 Middle Road. Cowie stated that most of this property is located in Freemont and that only about 7 acres with a house are located in Brentwood. Dave may contact the Town of Freemont. Birch Road property in Brentwood, Epping and Exeter. According to Kaufman the property is wet. Dave will see about contacting the property owner.
- Dave had worked out with Sue that he can provide her with topographic maps and GIS maps for potential applicants and she will review and determine if a site visit is necessary.
- The commission identified two other properties that Dave should contact the property owners. Dave to see what grants may be possibilities for these parcels.
- Wofchuck stated he received a letter from Unio, the agent for the 47+/- property on RT125, indicating that the property was for sale and has two commercial drinking water wells on it. The commission agreed that the asking price is more that they could get from the available funding options.

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2. September Minutes. Dudley-Tatman moved the September minutes and Gilbert seconded. The September Minutes were approved. Dudley-Tatman abstained.
3. Wofchuck reviewed the annual budget for the commission. The budget is similar to last year's budget. Wofchuck has added a line with \$500 for programs with the hopes to be able to boost our outreach efforts.
4. Exeter River Geomorphic Study – The final workshop day was completed on October 6th. Bunker, Cowie, E. Schmalzer, V. Schmalzer, and Wofchuck were present. The results of the study will be available to in the spring. Sally Soule will be presenting a talk on the kinds of bugs that live in the Exeter River on October 22nd at 2 PM.
5. Timberland Servapaloosa happened last week. Work was completed on the easement behind the school.
6. Easement monitoring still needs to happen. Dudley-Tatman will help to maintain a database of the electronic versions of the easement monitoring reports to aid with the completion of the following years report. Send electronic copies of the easement monitoring reports to Dudley-Tatman via email if possible.
7. Wofchuck is looking for people to identify outreach events and to coordinate and facilitate the event.
8. ERLAC Update – V. Schmalzer reported that the Wild and Scenic designation application has been tabled at this point due to the unclear status of the great damn.

At 8:32 PM, Cowie moved to adjourn, Dudley-Tatman seconded and the motion carried.