

## BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting of December 13, 2017

Members in attendance: Doug Cowie, Jody Kaufman, Rob Wofchuck, and Jeff Donald, chair  
Selectmen's Rep in attendance: None  
Alternates in attendance: Bob Glowacky  
Public Present: Debbie Briscoe

Meeting convened at 7:05 PM

Wofchuck moved to give B. Glowacky voting rights. Cowie seconded and the motion passes.

Wofchuck moved the November 8, 2017 minutes. The minutes were seconded by Cowie and the minutes were approved.

Donald presented an update on the Martin Appraisal and Grant Application. The town has been awarded a grant for up to \$3,000 from the Great Bay Resource Partnership that will cover half of the appraisal cost. The estimate for the appraisal was \$4,500. The appraisal is estimated to be completed in the next few weeks. The members commended Donald on a job well done.

Donald presented two bills from the Southeast Land Trust (SELT)

- 1) Bill for \$2,970 which is for the balance of the DeYoung property. Kaufman moved to pay the bill and Cowie seconded. Motion passed with Wofchuck abstaining.
- 2) Bill for \$1066.83 for easement monitoring and project work. Glowacky moved to pay the bill and was seconded by Cowie. Motion passed with Wofchuck abstaining.

Donald reviewed the budget and year-to-date expenses. Cowie made a motion to encumber the remaining balance of the budget towards the 2018 SELT contract. Glowacky seconded and motion passed with Wofchuck abstaining.

Donald discussed the invitation from EPA to join their Green Power Partnership which is for communities that generate at least 20% of their power from green sources. EPA saw one of the press releases and sent Jeff an email. After discussion, Kaufman moved to authorize Donald to complete application and submit to EPA. Cowie seconded and motion passed.

Donald discussed a request he received from the Stoddard Conservation Commission regarding a letter they were sending in support of changes to a bill to require improved reporting on out-of-season beaver taking and dam removals. There is an existing law already covering this topic and the changes are meant to improve the reporting and not change the intent of the regulation. There was concern that this would prevent groups like Trout Unlimited from doing stream restoration but it appeared that the rule would allow this with the currently required permit process. Cowie moved to authorize Donald to sign the letter. Seconded by Wofchuck and motion passed.

Wofchuck and Briscoe discussed the update on the South Road land management project. Wofchuck noted that the logging operation on town land on both sides of Little River has been completed. Wofchuck is meeting with forester Moreno tomorrow to get accounting of operation and check. Estimate amount is \$2,000 to \$3,000. The abutter Robinson has partially completed their project and it is expected they will finish over the winter and continue to use the log landing on the town's field. Briscoe noted that the main trail on the Martin side has been flagged and a work day last month used chainsaws to clear downed trees across the trail. Next step is to mark trails on the Stevens side of the property. Work was started to clear

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the small trees from the new parking area so that is progressing. Future work needs to be done to create maps and a kiosk.

Briscoe suggested the idea of a First Day hike on January 1 on a town property. This is being successfully across the state and is a great way to get folks outside and enjoy nature and town properties. Briscoe suggested the trails at the Recreation Center and all agreed it was a great idea. Briscoe to check with Rec Department and Archery club to make sure no conflicts and then Donald and Glowacky will get the word out on Facebook.

Donald to ask Schmalzer to write annual report for town report and we will also include the annual report from ESRLAC.

Wofchuck mentioned he watched an informative webinar from the NH Association of Conservation Commissions and it will be put up You Tube.

Glowacky's film preview at the library went very well and he was commended was a great job.

At 7:30PM Cowie moved to adjourn the meeting, Glowacky seconded and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Rob Wofchuck