

## BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting of May 13, 2015

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

Selectmen's Rep in attendance: none

Alternates in attendance: Randall Davis, Mark Glowacky and Reid Bunker

Meeting convened at 7:05 PM.

Michael Clements, a Boy Scout, wants to improve trails and bridge at water crossing in Town Forest behind Swasey Central School (Swasey) as his Eagle project. He has contacted Mr. Schroder at Swasey. He would like a letter of support of the project from the Commission. The members agreed to send a letter of support which Wofchuck will do.

Cowie moves the April minutes and Gilbert seconds. The minutes passed.

Spring Road Side Cleanup event discussed. Very pleased with turnout from Cub Scouts and Girls Scouts.

Wofchuck presented and update on Easements.

1. Wofchuck received the 8 files that the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire (SELTNH) completed for 2013. The files now contain an original folder that should not leave the office and a field folder that can be checked out for site visits. Electronic versions of the files now exist and Rob will work with the town as to the best way to store the electronic files.
2. Wofchuck received the baseline for Windy Brook completed by the SELTNH.
3. The Commission reviewed the Proposal for Stewardship Services for 2015 by the SELTNH. The proposal covers following up on issues identified on one easement during the 2014 monitoring and organizing 7 additional easement files. The estimated cost is \$1,722. Following discussion Cowie moved to that the commission would like to move forward with this proposal funded from the conservation fund pending a public hearing to use funds. Kaufman seconded and the motion passed.

Wofchuck presented and update on the Exeter River Project.

1. Will replant trees in the area where the river bank was stabilized in the next couple of weeks.
2. Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD) will apply for a permit to remove the invasive plants along the river in the project area. This work is anticipated to be completed in July.
3. The replanting and invasive removal work will come out of the existing grant funds held by the town for this project.

Wofchuck presented and update on the Land Management Plans. Jeff Littleton has walked two of the properties.

The NHDES 319a grant to install low impact development (LID) stormwater management system at the three municipal sites; Town Hall, Town Shed, and Swasey Central School are proceeding with the design stages.

Wofchuck presented a summary of a new grant opportunity; Water Integration for Squamscott-Exeter (WISE) River. The Planning Board has provided a letter of support for the grant application. This grant would fund water quality monitoring in the town along the Exeter River.

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The commission decided to hold the next meeting following the June 10, 2015, presentation at the Library on “The Challenges Facing Great Bay”.

Wofchuck discussed the 2015 Outreach Program.

1. Newsletter article has been submitted on the Soak up the Rain initiative. Bunker has an article ready to submit on eelgrass and oyster restoration. Davis is up for next article on Pollinators and Wildlife.
2. The signs for the library project and the future LID systems were discussed. Wofchuck will get pricing for graphics and sizing discussed.
3. Events are being discussed with Revision Energy and NH DES Soak up the Rain program and with RCCD to give an invasive plants workshop.

The following bills were presented for payment:

1. Wofchuck presented a bill from Memories for ice cream for the Spring Cleanup event. Donald moved to pay \$25.50 from the project funds in the budget and Kaufman seconded and the motion passed.
2. Wofchuck received bill from Moosewood Ecological, LLC. Cowie moves to pay Moosewood Ecological, LLC \$705.00 from the Conservation Fund. Donald seconds and the motion passes.
3. Dudley-Tatman presented a bill for the food for the Spring Cleanup BBQ. Cowie moved to pay \$120.70 from the project funds in the budget and Donald seconded and the motion passed.

Wofchuck presented an update on Open Space. Still need to prepare date for the use of the bond funds so that the information can be published.

Glowacky pointed out that June 6 is National Trails Day and that this may be a good starting point for an event for next year.

Wofchuck presented an update on the complaints the town has received on the property at the intersection of Middle Road and Crawly Falls. A timber harvest permit was not required for the cutting of the trees. DOT has cleaned out the culvert. The property is outside of the Shoreland Buffer.

Donald attended the Planning Board meeting on behalf of the Commission for the presentation of the Source Water Protection Grant.

At 8:45 PM Cowie moved to adjourn, Donald seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Dudley-Tatman