

BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting of October 14, 2015

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

Selectmen's Rep in attendance: Bob Mantegari

Alternates in attendance: Reed Bunker

Public Present: None

Meeting convened at 7:04PM

Wofchuck moved to give Bunker voting rights and Donald seconded and the motion passed.

Eric Weinrieb of Atlas Engineering Inc. and the owner of 131 Pine Road and the owner of Silver Granada Realty, LLC were present to present preliminary wetlands fill permit application. The project proposes the filling of 9,970 square feet of vegetated wetland for the construction of a self storage facility. The wetlands would be filled in the vicinity of the buildings. Storm water from the roofs and asphalt pavement will be treated in swale and rain garden. In addition the existing developed area occupied by the Provider Bus Company will be improved so that storm water from the gravel parking lots will be treated by bio swale. The commission discussed plans and decided a site visit was in order.

Donald moved the September minutes and Gilbert seconded and the motion passed. Bunker and Gilbert abstain.

Wofchuck announced that the NHACC annual meeting is November 7, 2015.

Wofchuck provided an update on the NH DES grant for water ordnances. A presentation was given to the planning board and progress of working thought the ordnances is being made

Wofchuck provided and update on the 319a grant. They have met with the selectmen. The highway shed project to start this fall and the plans for the school will be worked on for a spring installation.

Wofchuck provided an update that the installation of the Permeable Reactive Barrier to treat septic system runoff at the Windsor Meadows is scheduled for the week of October 12.

The WISW II Grant application was not selected for this round of funding.

Wofchuck presented an update on the Outreach Program:

1. Newsletter Articles – Wofchuck will try to prepare article for October Newsletter.
Wofchuck looking for people to prepare future articles.
December – Dudley-Tatman on 319a Grant activities
2. Events the commission discussed options for the RCCD presentation on invasive species. Commission would like to complete the hands on removal option. May 14, 2016 has been selected as the date for the hands workshop at Stout Oak Farm. Dudley-Tatman to try to schedule to have a presentation at the library during the April 2016 meeting.

Donald presented an update on easement monitoring. Letters sent out letters on completed monitoring that identified issues. Letters were handed out at Windsor Meadows.

Wofchuck presented bills to pay:

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1. Wofchuck presented a bill for \$480 from Moosewood Ecological, LLC for meeting and report preparation for the land management plans. Donald moved to pay from the project funds in the Conservation Fund, Mantegari seconded and the motion passed.
2. Pay fees of \$110 for Donald and Wofchuck to attend NHACC Annual Meeting. Bunker moved to pay from the budget, Mantegari seconded and the motion passed.
3. Reimburse Dudley-Tatman for \$57 and Wofchuck for \$24.24 for the Exeter River clean-up event supplies. Schmalzer moved to pay from the budget, Donald seconded and the motion passed.

Wofchuck presented a review of the proposed 2016 Budget. There is no overall change. The budget will include request that the Conservation Fund is replenished.

The commission reviewed the draft findings of the land management plan assessments for the 3 town owned easements provided by Jeff Littleton of Moosewood Ecological, LLC. Each easement was discussed and management priorities were identified for each property based on the information provided by Moosewood. The following were discussed as goals:

1. Pickpocket Road property – as access is major limitation for this property for both recreation and forest management this property lends itself to Wildlife Management as a primary goal
2. South Road property – As additional recreation and use of easements is a goal this property lends itself to recreation as its primary goal as there is existing trails and this is consistent with the easement language and intent. Based on the existing habitat diversity (forest, farmland, and Little River) wildlife management/resources will be the second goal for this property. Forest management may be implemented as a way to implement and achieve the primary and secondary goals for this property.
3. Recreation land – This is the existing recreation center. Recreation will remain a primary goal for this property. A new goal for this property will be Wildlife management with a focus of protecting and enhancing wildlife while meeting recreational uses.

These goals will be given to Moosewood to include in the Land Management Plans and as to give a focus to the recommendations developed for each property.

At 9:25 PM Gilbert moved to adjourn, Mantegari seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Dudley-Tatman