

BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting of October 9, 2019

Members in attendance: Heather Dudley-Tatman, Edie Shipley
Selectmen's Rep in attendance: Phyllis Thompson
Alternates in attendance: Reid Bunker, Doug Cowie, Bob Glowacky, and Bob Stephens
Public Present: Debbie Briscoe

Meeting convened at 7:03 PM

Thompson moved to give Bunker, Cowie, Glowacky, and Stephens voting rights. Shipley seconded and the motion passed.

Donald has submitted his resignation from the commission. Thompson moved to elect Shipley as Chairman. Cowie seconded and the motion passed.

Cowie moved the September 11, 2019 minutes, Bunker seconded and the minutes were approved.

Luke Hurley of Gove Environmental Services and Chris Tymula of Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. were present to review a wetlands impact permit for a 7.5 acre property located on Route 125. There are scrub-shrub wetlands located along Rte 125 and uplands in the middle of the property. To gain access to the uplands the wetland impact permit is for a crossing. There will be 5,950 square feet of wetland impacts for the driveway. There will be a 24-inch HTPC culvert to equalize water in the wetland on either side of the driveway. The driveway will include a headwall to minimize wetland impacts. No archeological sites or endangered species identified at the property. The property will be developed for bulk fuel storage and will include fuel oil and propane. The site will be paved and drainage will be towards 2 culverts that discharge to a bio-retention swale. The commission asked questions and discussed. Cowie moved and Thompson seconded to notify the Planning Board that the commission had no objections to the wetland permit. Upon further discussion Glowacky amended the motion to include a recommendation to assess if invasive species are present in the wetland and to abate them if present to protect the wetland. Cowie seconded. The motion passed as amended.

Shipley summarized and passed around a wetland permit prepared on behalf of the Town for the replacement of the culvert on Rowell Road. The permit is for the replacement of the two 36 inch metal pipes with a 4 foot by 8 foot concrete open bottom box culvert. The culvert replacement will have 1,300 square feet of wetland impacts. Cowie moved to have Shipley prepare a letter to the State stating that commission has reviewed and has no objections. Glowacky seconded and the motion passed.

Shipley presented budget 2020. The commission discussed. The commission would like to look into SWA and the value of continuing to pay dues. Glowacky moved to present the 2020 budget as discussed. Cowie seconded and the motion passed.

Shipley presented an update on the Game Farm. The Selectman voted to reconsider and give the commission further time to evaluate other financial options. The Selectmen have rejected buying the property. In a letter dated October 3, 2019, the Town is given

30 days to respond to its exclusive right-to-buy option. SELTNH is working to identify a private buyer and approach for conservation easement. Stephens said he attended the Selectmen's meeting and ask the selectmen if they would prepare a letter of support for placing this property in conservation. Cowie moved for Stephens to draft a letter and Shipley to review the letter to make sure it is consistent with the commission's discussions and sign and give it to the Selectmen. Bunker seconds. Thompson abstains. The motion passes.

Shipley presented an update on the Split Rock Conservation Area. The opening ceremony was well attended. Wofchuck will prepare an article for the newsletter. Briscoe suggested that it would be a good idea to have a second talk at the site again in the spring as people still had a lot of questions. Briscoe also asked about accepting donations for trail work. Thompson found RSA 36A4 that states the commission can accept donations and could hold and manage them in the conservation fund.

Bills and Reimbursements:

1. Shipley presented a bill for \$60 for the registration for the NHACC for the annual meeting. Glowacky motioned to reimburse Shipley from the budget. Cowie seconded and the motion passed.
2. Shipley presented a bill from the SELHNNH for \$1,283.66. Glowacky moved to pay bill from prior year encumbrance. Cowie seconded and the motion passed.
3. Shipley presented a bill from the NHACC for \$325 in annual dues. Cowie moved to pay bill from the budget. Glowacky seconded and the motion passed.
4. Bob Magnusson submitted a bill for \$237.76 for hardware for the Split Rock bridge. Glowacky moved to reimburse Magnusson from the conservation fund. Cowie seconded and the motion passed.
5. Wofchuck submitted a \$2,700 bill for the utility poles for the Split Rock bridge. Glowacky moved to reimburse Wofchuck from the conservation fund. Cowie seconded and the motion passed.
6. Wofchuck submitted a \$210.12 bill for bridge materials. Bunker moved to reimburse Wofchuck from the conservation fund. Cowie seconded and the motion passed.

Other Business:

1. Andy Grey of the Rec department would be interested in other events to share. Glowacky/Dudley-Tatman/Briscoe to identify and coordinate winter snowshoe or hiking outings.
2. Shipley announced there is one of 7 regular member spaces open on the commission. The regular member position was offered to the alternates in the order of seniority as an alternate. Glowacky accepted to be a regular member. Cowie motioned to appoint Glowacky as a regular member. Thompson seconded and the motion passed.
3. There is now one alternate position open. The commission received a letter from Robin Wrighton requesting to join the commission as an alternate. The letter was read. Cowie moved to appoint Wrighton as an alternate. Glowacky seconded and the motion passed.

At 9:06PM Shipley made a motion to enter non-public hearing in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II(c), seconded by Cowie. Bunker-aye, Shipley-aye, Dudley-Tatman-aye, Cowie-aye, Thompson-aye, Glowacky-aye, Stephens-aye. The motion passes.

At 9:39PM a motion was made by Glowacky, seconded by Cowie to come out of nonpublic session and seal the minutes. Bunker-aye, Shipley-aye, Dudley-Tatman-aye, Cowie-aye, Thompson-aye, Glowacky-aye, Stephens-aye. The motion passes.

Shipley moved to adjourn, Cowie seconded and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:40PM.

Submitted by Heather Dudley-Tatman