

BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting of November 14, 2018

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

Selectmen's Rep in attendance: Phyllis Thompson

Alternates in attendance: Doug Cowie

Public Present:

Meeting convened at 7:03 PM

Wofchuck moved the October Minutes, Shipley seconded and the minutes were approved.

Donald presented the 2019 Budget. Donald will be presenting the budget to the Selectmen on the 27th. As discussed he will adjust based on numbers from Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD) and Southeast Land Trust (SELT).

Donald presented the SELT contract for 2019. Similar to last year it is for services as need and not to exceed \$4,000 for monitoring and \$4,000 for auditing/support. Gilbert moved to have Donald execute the contract. Schmalzer seconded and the motion passed. Wofchuck abstained.

Wofchuck presented an update on the South Road /Split Rock Conservation Area project

1. Bridge footings postponed until spring due to fall rains
2. Finished Old Haigh side trail
3. He will finish GPS trail for the trail map
4. Gabe had marked and notified Digsafe for his kiosk project
5. Zachary Shields was present to present an update on his eagle project.
 - a. Presented kiosk design and location
 - b. Committee requested wood shingles not asphalt
 - c. Schedule is to fundraise and build kiosk in the winter and install in the spring

The commission discussed Hikes and Outings. Ideas included a New Years Day hike and a winter moonlight snow shoe outing.

Rob stated that the conservation easement interviews have been started. He and Bob interviewed the owners of the Storm easement.

Outreach on Open Space

Article – general article about conservation easements- January

Article – specific about upcoming bond- February

Site Walk

Donald is working on the Warrant Article for the Martin property.

Bills:

Schmalzer moved to reimburse Shipley \$60 for the NH Association of Conservation Commissions from the budget. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed.

Donald stated that there was a complaint of trash in the woods on Rowell Road West. Donald completed walk of the area. He has spoken with the DPW to have the site picked up.

Truslow Resource Consulting, LLC presented the results of the surface water sampling to the Selectmen. The commission discussed the results. Questions included the need for additional sampling. The commission will need to look into results and objectives more.

NH Fish & Game has Awards of Excellence and is taking nominations. Wofchuck offered to draft a nomination for the SELT as Conservation Organization. Schmalzer moved to have Wofchuck prepare the nomination, Shipley seconded and the motion passed. Wofchuck abstained.

At 8:48 PM Gilbert moved to adjourn, Shipley seconded and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dudley-Tatman