

## Conservation Commission Minutes

April 18, 2013

Approved May 16, 2013

Roll Call: Steve Wood, Chairman, Ken Harlow, Dianne Harlow, Vice Chairman, Nick Koloski, Gary Dickerman

Guests: Nancy Merrill, Planning Dept., Roger Wright, Shugah Valley SnowRiders

Absent: Courtney Nichols

Review of March 14, 2013 Minutes: Motion by Ken Harlow to accept March 14, 2013 Minutes as written. Seconded by Gary Dickerman, Abstained – Nick Koloski

Finance Report: Beginning Balance \$8,692.65 CSB CD ( \$17,304.28) closed and added to Beginning Balance; expenses of \$ 3,138.28 leaving and Ending Balance of : \$ 22,858.65

Old Business:

- Status of 2013 Conservation Camp Applications – Checks for the Camperships were sent out in April, 2013 and will appear on the April 2013 financial statement.

New Business:

Nancy Merrill from the Planning Department reviewed the list of 31 properties that the City is holding and asked for our recommendations as to whether they should be sold or continue to be held.

Steve Wood explained that landlocked parcels can be harvested and according to NH State law, owners can access the property for logging but the “roadway” does not have to be maintained after logging is completed.

Nick Koloski - If we take a piece off the table, we eliminate any potential for future use. He made the suggestion that retain parcel, Map 96 Lot #27 on Winter St. and sell the two lots by airport (Map 81, Lot # 2 and 4), where the old house was torn down and sell May 177 Lot 4 where the new Welcome sign is located (near the intersection of Grissom Lane and Charlestown Road.).

The properties on Cat Hole and Arrowhead are not taking in taxes, but they are not costing the City anything either.

Communications:

- NH DES to the Claremont Conservation Commission – Invitation to the NH DES Annual Drinking Water Source Protection Conference
- NH DES to Claremont Conservation Commission-Complete Forestry Notification – File # 2013-00700 Tax Map/Lot: 163-5-1 Temple Eastex (owned by Max Jewell)

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Other: We need to revisit the issue of purchasing hardpack for the Broad Street end of the rail trail. Dianne Harlow spoke with Tim Hernon of the CSB Community Center and the estimated cost of material needed for that area is approximately \$2,500. Osgood Construction plans on coming back to finish up some landscaping at the Center and is willing to spread the hardpack for us at the same time.

Scott Hausler thought an open ended authorization had been made for this, however, the only authorized material was purchased and applied to the part of the trail from Pleasant Street to the East side of Broad Street.

This rock is being purchased to cover the trail from the West side of Broad Street to the East side of Chestnut Street. Motion by Dianne Harlow to purchase up to \$2,500 of hardpack, through the City (DPW) to be spread on the Rail Trail from the West side of Broad Street to the new spur to the Community Center. Seconded by Ken Harlow. Motion passes.

Email from Jim Feleen, wanting to close down rail trail again because of ISTEPA money. Duly noted.

Steve Wood reminded the Committee that the Conservation Commission has been designated by the City to oversee the maintenance of the trail, we will listen to any thoughts, the trail is our responsibility, and we will accommodate all users of the trail, not just one.

Adjournment:

Motion by: Gary Dickerman    Seconded by: Ken Harlow    Vote: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.