

Claremont Conservation Commission  
DRAFT Minutes  
November 15, 2012

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

Absent: Nick Koloski, Chris Irish, Stephen Cutts

Review of Minutes:

- Review of October 18, 2012 Minutes – Tracey's first name spelled incorrectly.  
Motion made by: Ken Harlow 2<sup>nd</sup>: Gary Dickerman Motion Carries

Finance Report:

Checkbook balance now at \$ 8,741.86 expecting \$3,000 Land Use Change Tax for 2012 forthcoming but not expecting any more for 2012. This is the Current Use Land Penalty levied when current land goes out of Current use. It is a 10% penalty with a maximum to Conservation Commission of \$5,000 per year.

Lisa Richmond sent email on November 2, 2012 asking if we wanted her to transfer funds from the CD as it rolls over in January 2013. What are our fixed expenditures on a yearly basis.? .....camperships, gravel for rail trail.

Old Business:

- Natural Resource Inventory – no new info available -
- Camper presentations – have heard from 3 of 4 campers - 4<sup>th</sup> youth changed living arrangements so we may not hear from him. Suggest that we let it lie.
- Rail trail – email from Scott Hausler, Parks and Rec. Director – construction guys finishing up and moving heavy equipment soon and do we want them to finish fixing the rail trail section behind the New Community Center; \$2,000 for gravel needed to complete this. Because the Rail Trail is on City property, we could get the reduced rate through the City if processed through Bruce Temple, Department of Public Works Director. Looking back through the February 2012 minutes, there has not been any motions made, so we need to look at this again in the spring. After discussion, Committee agreed to keep this item on the radar for spring. Dianne to check to see if we could get some equipment in the spring, after further discussion, to help spread and grade the gravel.

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In March 2012 Minutes we talked about a “landscape plan” on the trail behind the new Community Center. But nothing was decided. Revisit this item in the spring.

- Two Elm trees on the Chestnut Street end, one on each side of the trail, are dead and need to be taken down. A third but smaller one also could be removed on Community Center side by driveway/trail area. Bruce Temple should be notified and asked to remove them. Should we wait for snowfall before we have them removed?

New Business:

- Possible New member: Courtney Nichols, Biology Student at RVCC. Currently waiting for her appointment.

Communications:

- D.E.S. To the City of Claremont, Wetlands Program Notification, File # 2012-02683; Cat Hole Road & White Water Reservoir Road – Should be nothing we have to do anything on
- D.E.S. Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau Newsletter (See file)
- Ottauquechee Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area – Informational Flier

Other:

- NH Assoc of Conservations Commission - Regularly scheduled for first Saturday in November each year. Keep in mind for next year.
- Asked about membership dues to join the Association – no response yet, but checked out website and printed out Member services page. Largely information, Service, grants, tracks legislation pertaining to conservation.

Adjournment: Motion By: Gary Dickerman 2<sup>nd</sup> By: Ken Harlow Motion:  
Carries

Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Dianne Harlow, Vice Chairman