

Conservation Commission Meeting

February 16, 2012

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Meeting Called to Order: 5 p.m.

Attendance: Steve Wood, Chris Irish, Nick Koloski, Dianne Harlow, Steven Cutts

Guest: Nancy Merrill, Tracy Thibault

Motion to Accept December 8, 2012 Minutes as written by Nick Koloski Seconded by Steven Cutts

Motion Passed.

Finance Report: Clarification on individual amounts needed. Steve to look into.

Old Business:

1. Rail Trail Update – Steve met with Scott Hausler in reference to several trees that exist along the rail trail boundary behind the new Community Center site. Looking at the health of the existing trees and which if any should be removed. Also looking at moving the spur trail further east from it's current location and how it will affect the tree line.
2. Also met with Bruce Temple, DPW Director and Scott Hausler in reference to a concrete box that is located on the trail and has been used as a fire pit. Motion by Chris Irish to authorize Steve Wood to work with Bruce and Scott for removal of concrete box from the rail trail, seconded by Nick Koloski. Motion passed.
 - a. DPW to grade the section of rail trail with DPW grader from Broad Street to Chestnut Street entrance.
 - b. DPW and Parks and Recreation to work on laying hard pack on the same section of trail And paving 25 to 30 feet of aprons at each end. Suggestion has been made to look into paving this section of trail.
3. Robert Woodman Signage Update - Signs delivered and all look great. Installation to be Scheduled as soon as weather permits.
4. Natural Resources Inventory – attachment from Kelly – Mike McQuori (master Plan) Need a Natural Resource Inventory and there are funds available to have help to accomplish this task. Tracy has experience in Phase 1 and 2 and is willing to help as she can. Is there help available from any classes at Stevens High School? Need to brainstorm goals for NRI..... Council, School board, Conservation Commission and Claremont Citizens.

Motion to undertake a NRI and authorize expenditure of up to \$100 for necessary purposes, at the staff's discretion by Chris Irish, Seconded by Nick Koloski. Motion passes. Nancy and Tracy to do bids for help. Master Plan on website. Ideas by next week.

New Business:

1. Report from Conservation Campers – On the agenda by mistake
2. Forestry Management Plan, Moody Park and adjoining lands – On the agenda by mistake
3. Conservation Camp sponsorship - Chris to pull out letters from last year. Has 3 possible applicants already.

Communications:

1. D.E.S. Complete Forestry Notification, File #2011-03077, Tax map/Lot: 80/5 and 139/1
2. D.E.S. Complete Forestry Notification, File # 2012-01121, Tax Map/Lot: 80/6
3. D.E.S. Complete Forestry Notification, File # 2012-00075, Tax Map/Lot 194/1

Other:

Steven Cutts to join us from the Planning Board.

Dianne Email change: harlowdianne59@gmail.com

Value of CDA Lot next to Moody Park? Steve to look into

Gathering of Cons. Comm. MTG upper valley – details next month.

Adjournment:

Motion by: Chris Irish Seconded by: Dianne Harlow

Meeting Adjourned: 6:20 p.m.