

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 17, 2012

approved June 21, 2012

Meeting Called to Order: 6:58 p.m.

Roll Call: Steve Wood, Chairman; Dianne Harlow, Vice Chairman; Kenneth Harlow; Chris Irish; Steve Cutts, Nick Koloski

Welcome to our newest member, Kenneth Harlow

Review of Minutes:

April 19, 2012

Motion to Accept by: Nick Koloski Seconded by: Ken Harlow Motion Carries

May 2, 2012 No Motion needed. For information purposes only

Finance Report: Noted

Old Business:

Natural Resources Inventory - Will meet with (name unknown) at our June 21st, 2012 meeting, where we'll be able to familiarize ourselves with him and help set some parameters, timelines etc.

Suggestion was made to invite School Superintendent, Mr. Middleton and School Board members as well as the City Center Committee.

The contract didn't exceed the \$20,000 allotted. (Name) is looking forward to getting out in the woods and we're anxious to get him started.

Question on the Rail Trail Motion made at April 19, 2012 Meeting - Pertaining to the notification to City Council, that we agreed not to allow motorized vehicles from Pleasant Street to the new spur at the Chestnut Street crossing. This was briefly brought up at the May 9th, 2012 City Council meeting but we feel that we need to keep the City Council apprised of this action so will send a letter notifying them of this action.

Clarification for members not present at our April 19, 2012 meeting. No motorized vehicles will be allowed from Pleasant Street Trailhead area. It was noted that in the past some have used this entrance, but this will no longer be allowed.

New Business:

Discussion and vote on Plains Road RR Crossing - There had been some question as to which City Departments were aware of this project. Bruce Temple presented information at the May 4th, 2012 Site Visit that showed this change has been in the planning stages for 2 yrs. All pertinent City Depts. have been notified.

Motion to approve and raise no objections to the paperwork filed and work to be done to the Plains Road crossing on behalf of the Claremont/Concord Railroad Corporation.

Motion by: Nick Koloski Seconded by: Steve Cutts Motion Carries

Review of Conservation Commission By Laws -

If we want to make any changes, we need to specify the amendment affected, then wait until the next meeting with full attendance to vote the change in.

We need to do Election of officers in January.

Do we need a Treasurer's position or are we covered by the City Financial office?

Can we schedule our meetings for an earlier time?

All members want to change to 6 p.m. meetings. Approved by all Members.

Conservation Camp Sponsorship - Four of the five students did all that we asked of them.

Their camperships have been sent to their chosen camps. The fifth person's Guidance counselor is working with the mom to complete the paperwork. So far this has not happened. They may end up with no open spaces at camp.

Rail Trail Discussion - Chairman to send letter to city in reference to our vote of no motorized vehicles on the RailTrail between Pleasant Street and Chestnut Street. City Council needs to be kept updated.

Trail Clean Up Day - June 2 Saturday.....10 a.m. Dianne to talk to Mark Carrier from Sullivan County ATV Club to see if they have arranged for a dumpster, where they will be working; also possible use of dumpster at Monadnock Park or Arrowhead. Steve Cutts can get some barrels and clear bags if needed.

Dianne will speak to Scott Hausler about the proposed boardwalks between the Railtrail and Monadnock Park - all agree these will not be for motorized vehicles
Bobby Woodman signs - Do we need a permit? Do we need to contact Dig safe? Is there a specific spot that the sign needs to go? Commission Members are willing to install the sign post on a weeknight to ensure dedication of sign occurs on day of dedication. Plant annual flowers - invite City Council with the Woodman Family - Newspaper ads - what does posts look like - Signs planned for Pleasant Street entrance - Broad Street: on both sides or just one? and Chestnut Street. Bobby's sign only on each post; no other signage attached to these posts.

Chairman to write up Proclamation for dedication.

Communications:

DES/City Complete Forestry Notification. File #2101-00922, Tax Map/Lot 84/11-self explanatory

DES/City Request for Soil Sampling. Non Compliance- Mainway Service Station- We have no say or obligation at this point. Problem discovered in 1990 - monitoring wells dug in 2010 - report due June and December 15, 2011 - Neither report was not done UNH Coop Foresters for the Birds

Standard Dredge and Fill Permit - Bog Sewer Improvements on Tyler Brook which runs from the upper end of Bible Hill and down under the Charlestown Road to Maple Avenue behind the Earl Bourdon Center, through to Claremont Junction. This was initiated by the 2009 sewer repair behind the Earl Bourdon Center/McKenzie Street area. This action is being made to protect the bog.

Steve to check with Nancy to make sure there is nothing else we need to do.

Other:

Next Meeting to be held June 21, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at Council Chambers to meet with NRI person

Also Forestry update - Dennis McKinney.

Adjournment: 8:11 p.m.

Motion Made By: Steve Cutts Seconded By: Ken Harlow

Submitted by Chair Wood