

Claremont Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2012

Meeting Called to Order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Nick Koloski, Ken Harlow, Steve Wood, Chairman, Dianne Harlow, Vice Chairman

Review of minutes of May: one change needed

Change second page – Plains road Railroad crossing item: Bruce presented from meeting May 2nd meeting not May 4th.

Motion to accept with changes included by Nick Koloski, seconded by Ken Harlow

Motion Passed

No Financial Information included this month.

Old Business:

Dennis Mckenney and Bill Caveney from Forest Management

Dennis is not only a forester, but a surveyor as well.

Update on Timber sales: Whitewater, Moody Park, CDA or Moody Park section, pine lot on cat hole Road near intersection with Foisy Hill Road, Cat hole all complete.

Arrowhead possibilities, SID Clarke Industrial area also might be scouted /boundary work as well

Boundary work being done – Arrowhead, Veteran’s Park. Winter Street area, blazing the perimeter.

Rice Reservoir boundary line is unclear and is currently being worked on; also a Cat hole parcel boundary is unclear and will be checked into.

Public tours have been done – Moody Park tour done last fall, more as needed. Check Youtube under “Claremont timber harvest”, Dennis videotaped progression of the harvest at Rice Reservoir, also pictures connected to City of Claremont website.

Bruce reported that the plan is proceeding well according to original Forestry Plan.

Question from audience member pertaining to designating a Town forest – once designated can’t be reversed..... also usually done to enable financial assist.

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Natural Resource Inventory – Jeff Littleton, Consulting Ecologist

Goals: 45 – 50 percent field work ; wetlands mapping and evaluation new aerials

- Assessing focal species – bear, moose, otter etc.
- Refining the wildlife habitats mapping
- Inventory of significant features

Timeline – Completion approximately January 2013

Areas where focus will begin: Moody park, cat hole, arrowhead, Jarvis/upham estates along Connecticut River, Sugar River, high elevation use that is seen from various areas of the city.

Will contact land trust for conserved lands in the areas

Forest Management plan has helped tremendously

New Business:

Mike Tetu – Re: city owned lot on Sugar River drive – pump station area needs to remain “Open Space”. He states that the neighborhood is concerned that area has been cordoned off for the Community gardens this year.

Communications:

Request from Fire Chief Rick Bergeron – needs help for hazardous waste collection on September 15th for meet and greet and completion of a short survey of patrons using the collection.

Steve to compose letter to City Council per shut down of rail trail from Broad Street to the new spur at the new Community Center. From Pleasant Street to Broad Street was never allowed, so that portion is a mute point.

Reminder: Meetings are now starting at 6 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion by; Ken Harlow, 2nd by Nick Koloski Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Submitted by,

Dianne Harlow, Vice Chairman

