

Claremont Conservation Commission

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Meeting Called to Order: 6:03 p.m.

- I. Roll Call: Steve Wood, Chairman; Nick Koloski, Stephen Cutts, Gary Dickerman, Ken Harlow, Dianne Harlow, Vice Chairman

Excused: Chris Irish

- II. Review of Minutes of August 16, 2012 meeting:

Motion to Accept: By Stephen Cutts

Seconded by: Ken Harlow

Nick Koloski, Abstain

Note: Check with Kelly, Nick Koloski didn't receive a packet again this month.

- III. Finance Report: What's the difference in cost from Jeff Littleton, from July to August? Is it field work Vs. inside Data Collection.

- IV. Old business:

- Natural Resources Inventory: Note from Jeff, that he has finished the data collection in the Cat Hole area prior to the planned Timber harvest and that he is willing to have school students work with him: Tracey suggested that the Conservation Commission ask the Superintendent directly if it would be possible to have interested students work with Jeff. Jeff had done this before and is comfortable and willing to do this in Claremont. Steve to make the initial contact with Superintendent, Dianne willing to accompany Steve.

- Conservation Camp – Tyler Woodman went to Teen Conference at UNH. He participated in the Wheelchair sports; was going to do the Whale Watch but it was cancelled because of bad weather. They went to the Boston Aquarium instead; Had a great time and would like to go again next year. TJ Daignault went to Barry Conservation Camp for Shooting Week. LOVED the camp, the experience and the people he met. Is definitely interested in going again next year.

Gary asked how youth signed up for the Conservation Camps through us. Steve explained that we have used fliers in the past and suggested that maybe Nick could develop a Facebook page on the Conservation Camp sign-up for us.

- Household Hazardous Waste Collection – Not as many as expected, but crew all knew the job they were supposed to be doing; all worked together, survey was short and sweet. We had approximately 120 participants.

- The question had been asked previously what the comparative value was of the material that was used by construction company at the New Community Center, rather than hauling in outside fill. Scott Hausler responded in an email that "I believe it was valued at \$6.00 pcy. They removed 1,780 cy of material from that section of the trail. So doing the math it would be an

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approximate value of \$10,680 of material costs. Some other costs to this removal included cutting several trees and removal of that material so that could be applied to the value. You should also consider the increased value that the trail has provided the neighborhood and community physically and economically. Not only was this soil removal a positive improvement to the project it also has provided huge value in the trail system as it has increased visibility and access which translates into financial value to the community. I'm not sure how that would be calculated but I do know that this value can be measured."

New Business:

- Forestry – Bid results Timber Harvest update & Timber Sale Review - Bill Caveney, Representative for New England Forestry Consultants. Have done 3 timber sales: White Water, Cat Hole, and Pine Lot on Cat Hole. Waiting for contractor to get bonding. All boundary work is done for Management Plan properties. Just finished at Syd Clarke Industrial Park, Pappas Road and Wheelabrator lot. Moody Park bid had only one bidder. Steve to look into a public tour at the White Water lot, hopefully during the on-going timber harvest.

V. Communications:

- N.H. Method Fall Workshop – Friday, October 5, 2012 Noon to 4 p.m. Deerfield, NH
- N.H. Conserv. Comm. Annual Conference – Saturday, November 3, 2012 at 1:15p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Rundlett School in Concord, NH. This will include a Wetlands Evaluation Field Trip to Bow Town Pond wetland complex in Bow, NH
- Law Lecture Series – Oct 10, 17, 24 in Grantham, NH
- Municipal Volunteer Award nomination pamphlet – past date-never mind!!

VI. Other:

Congratulations to the Girls Varsity Field Hockey Team over Brattleboro with a 6 – 2 victory. Nice job Ladies (and Patty, Coach)

VII. Adjournment: Motion made by: Gary Dickerson, 2nd by Ken Harlow Motion Carries

Adjournment Time: 7 p.m.