

CENTER HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION
APPROVED Meeting Minutes
Cary Mead Meeting Room
Municipal Building; Center Harbor, NH
Tuesday, February 11, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: At 10:10 a.m. the meeting was called to order by Chairman Bruce Bond. Commissioners present were Maureen Criasia, Randy Mattson, Joann Wood, Gwen Bronson and Selectmen's Representative Harry Viens. Commissioners absent with notice were Barbara Picard, Secretary and Karin Karagozian. Also present was a member of the public, Wayne Micklitch.

DISCUSSION WITH WAYNE MICKLITCH: Mr. Micklitch presented the Commission with a list of concerns regarding the Fogg Hill property that was purchased by the Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT). The Commission listened to these concerns as described by Mr. Micklitch and urged him to communicate directly with the owner, LRCT.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: The minutes of the December 10, 2013 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Harry and seconded by Randy to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATES:

2014 Warrant Articles - The warrant articles have been written and submitted for the Belknap Woods Prime Wetlands and the Conservation Fund Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) Allocation Increase. These, along with the warrant article pertaining to the approval of the new Water Resources Map were discussed.

Fogg Hill Conservation Easement - The Fogg Hill easement process is still in its early stages and Maureen will continue to monitor this with LRCT. The LRCT has received an Aquatic Resource Mitigation grant from the Dept. of Environmental Services (DES), which will require LRCT to develop a management plan for the property prior to writing the Conservation Easement document. Maureen and Don Berry from LRCT will continue to work with the Select Board regarding the indemnification language to be included in the Easement document. Harry suggested other Town Conservation Easements be reviewed to ascertain that similar language exists that reflects sufficient indemnification for the Town.

Annual Report - Commissioners thanked Maureen for writing and submitting the 2013 Conservation Commission's annual report to the Town.

Correspondence from DES – Maureen reported she continues to review and file DES correspondence, including applications and permits.

Conservation Fund – Maureen reported the Conservation Fund bank balance currently stands at \$121,634.71.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commission Chairman Bruce Bond received a copy of a letter sent to LRCT from resident Janet Stitt. The letter outlines Ms. Stitt's concerns regarding potential flooding from the pond on Fogg Hill. The Commissioners suggested that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen.

Harry updated the Commission on the status of the Winnepesaukee Environmental and Community Action Network (WECAN). The Commission discussed the relative importance of having a strong water resource ordinance in place that is based in science.

Harry reminded the Commission that the Implementation Chapter of the Master Plan should be reviewed in the upcoming year for potential conservation related action items that will need to be addressed.

Maureen announced that the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions has a new Executive Director, Nick Fiori.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gwen Bronson, Secretary Pro Tem