

## CENTER HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2013

Meeting called to order at 10:05 AM

Present: Conservation Commissioners Bruce Bond (chairman), Harry Viens, Gwen Bronson, Karin Karagozian, Randy Mattson, Maureen Criasia and resident Barbara Picard.

Absent with notice: JoAnn Wood

Approval of January 15 meeting minutes: Harry Viens moved to approve the minutes, Bruce Bond seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New water resources ordinance: The Planning Board is beginning work on a new water resources ordinance for Center Harbor. Harry Viens and Maureen Criasia shared information about the process. The Lakes Region Planning Commission is assisting the Town in the project. The Planning Board has budgeted \$4,900 (to be approved by the voters at the 2013 Town Meeting) for securing the services of wetlands scientist Rick Van De Poll to help in the mapping and specifics. The Towns of Meredith and Grantham have water resource ordinances that are being reviewed. Grantham's ordinance appears to give the Conservation Commission some enforcement powers, while Meredith's ordinance allows the Commission to authority to communicate and comment on Special Exceptions to the new ordinance. The consensus of the members present was that the CHCC would like the ability to be involved in the process by communicating and commenting, but there was little interest in the CHCC becoming involved in enforcement of regulations.

Energy Committee update: Harry Viens reported that the diligence of the EC has paid off. According to Chris Johnson, the new addition should not cause an increase in energy consumption in Town Hall.

Prime wetlands display: Thanks to the efforts of Maureen Criasia, a display table with handouts is available in the Town Hall lobby for residents who wish to learn more about the final phase of the Prime Wetlands project. It was reported that people have been looking at the display and taking handouts. The Commission is pleased that residents are taking the opportunity to learn about this important project.

Conservation easement: There was discussion about the procedure for a public hearing on the possible Fogg Hill Bog conservation easement project.

Permits and applications: The commission reviewed DES Permit 2012-02827 for Donald Amiralian, 461 Waukegan Road, Center Harbor, including a response letter to the Request for More Information from the DES.

Conservation Fund: The commission reviewed the bank statement for the conservation fund. The fund balance is \$124,266.23.

Meeting reminder: Next month's commission meeting will be the first Tuesday of the month, March 5 at 10:00 AM. This is due to the fact that Town Meeting is on the second Tuesday in March.

Adjournment: At 11:35, Bruce Bond moved to adjourn the meeting. Randy Mattson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.