

CENTER HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION
APPROVED Meeting Minutes
Cary Mead Meeting Room
Municipal Building; Center Harbor, NH
Monday, April 8, 2014

CALL TO ORDER At 10:07 a.m. the meeting was called to order. Commission members present were Maureen Criasia (Moe), Randy Mattson, Harry Viens, Karin Karagozian and Barbara Picard. Commission members absent with notice were Bruce Bond, Gwen Bronson, and JoAnn Wood.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 10, 2014 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Randy and seconded by Harry to approve the minutes as presented. The minutes were unanimously approved.

March 13, 2014 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Karin and seconded by Randy to approve the minutes as presented. The minutes were unanimously approved.

UPDATES

Belknap Woods Prime Wetlands

Moe spoke with Rick Van de Poll. The application for Belknap Woods Beaver Pond Prime Wetland Complex has been resubmitted to DES by Rick. We expect the approval to go through with no problem.

Conservation Easement Monitoring for Fogg Hill

Dave Mallard and Rick Van de Poll are in the process of preparing the management and stewardship plan associated with the property which includes doing the baseline work, creating the photo point map, etc. Once the management plan is completed, the Conservation Easement document will be written and put in place.

Response from March 13 letter to Selectmen re (TML 221-17)

Harry reported that our letter was received by the Select Board and that there are no problems or concerns with the fashion in which we requested the new owners be made aware that the land in question is in Prime Wetland. The Planning Board also reviewed the conditions of the purchase and submitted a letter to the Selectmen. The sale should go through after the second public hearing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harry reported that the Town agreed that there is a need to update our website. That being said, now we need to find the funding. The Selectmen may provide us with templates that we can just fill in with photographs and information and they will fund the project at some level as yet undetermined. Bernie Volz, Energy Committee Webpage designer, has said he will help the Commission with revamping the webpage. We will put this on the agenda for July.

Moe is working on updating the list of conservation lands and easements in Center Harbor.

Reverse 911: Harry announced that the Town is now subscribing to Reverse 911. Once signed up, people will receive push notifications about, for example, roads being blocked or any type of emergency information in Town that would be of importance to residents. It is a free service to the Town and to residents.

LRCT has asked whether or not the Conservation Commission would like to partner with LRCT for guided excursions of Fogg Hill and Center Harbor Woods. Moe made a motion that we partner with LRCT on these two walks. Harry seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Harry offered to call Chip Harris to ask about photocopying maps of Town lands in conservation that have public hiking/skiing/snowshoeing trails for distribution around town.

Moe asked whether or not we have any agenda items to add to our Action Item List for the Commission. None were added to our action list.

Moe made the suggestion that we review the action list at every meeting and decide upon priorities for our next meeting.

Correspondence: We had two DES applications; one to repair a dock on Squam Lake, another was for a dock reconfiguration. Bruce reviewed them with Moe and signed off on them.

Harry would like to identify tracts of land in town contiguous to existing conservation lands that could possibly go into conservation as part of our significant ecological areas inventory process.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Randy, seconded by Moe. Meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Picard, Secretary