

CENTER HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION
APPROVED Meeting Minutes
Cary Mead Meeting Room
Municipal Building; Center Harbor, NH
Tuesday, June 10, 2014

CALL TO ORDER At 10:05 a.m. the meeting was called to order. Commission members present were Bruce Bond, Chair, Maureen Criasia (Moe), Randy Mattson, Karin Karagozian, Harry Viens, Gwen Bronson and Barbara Picard. Invited guests, Roger LaRochelle, Executive Director, Squam Lakes Conservation Society, Don Berry, President, Lakes Region Conservation Trust and Rick Van de Poll, ecosystem management consultant, arrived at 10:30.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

UPDATES

Natural Resources Chapter of the Master Plan

The Natural Resources Chapter of the Master Plan was officially submitted to the Planning Board. It should be finalized by September.

MEETING WITH GUESTS ON CENTER HARBOR PROPERTIES

Chamberlain Reynolds Property

Roger LaRochelle reported on the status of the 150-acre Chamberlain Reynolds property. New England Forest Association (NEFA) took possession of Chamberlain Reynolds in 1953. NEFA understands the importance of this property to the people of Center Harbor. Roger stated, and we all agree, that it would be important to assure permanent protection for Chamberlain Reynolds in the form of a conservation plan and an easement to assure that the conservation values are upheld.

Center Harbor Woods

Don Berry reported that the parking lot serving Center Harbor Woods and Pine Hill on High Haith has been completed. A map will be completed by next week. There will be a guided excursion of Center Harbor Woods on September 6 for which we have partnered with LRCT.

Fogg Hill

Rick reported that he is still in the process of having surveying done to define boundaries of the Fogg Hill property. Rick did locate critical corners and the Bascom and Foster boundaries are now agreed upon and defined. Jim and Angie Bascom and Brad Foster accompanied Rick to the boundary markers and all are in agreement. Monuments will be put in place where there were none to complete this necessary step. In his exploration of the backland, Rick also discovered some significant ecological areas within and bordering the Fogg Hill parcel. The Bascoms and Fosters are willing to consider putting conservation easements on ecologically important areas within their properties.

TML 229, Lot 1

There is a 160-acre parcel of land located in West Center Harbor along the Snake River. Rick discovered that the largest old growth forest in Center Harbor is located on a portion of this land. He recommended to the Commission that we focus on protection of this land as our highest priority due to its ecological value.

Don is going to approach the owner's representative and get a sense of whether or not the owner would be receptive to putting the land into protection.

Randy made a motion that we vote to explore the conservation possibilities on parcel 229 Lot 1 that includes significant ecological areas identified in the NRI. Bruce seconded. There was unanimous approval.

OTHER BUSINESS

Land in front of Town offices. The parcel across from the Town offices where the bandstand is located has some level of protection from sale and development, however, we still need to look into adding an additional layer of protection in order to guarantee restrictions on building and vendors on the parcel.

Update on the NRI. Rick is about half done with the revision on the NRI. He reported that there are many maps that do not agree with the tax map and asked whether the Commission believes he should go forward with making all maps agree with the tax map. This process would take an additional 20 hours. There are no significant boundary changes and the changes would not require any special approvals.

Moe made a motion to have Rick pursue asking the Planning Board to change the maps in the NRI to conform with those in the tax map. Randy seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

Rick agreed to send a note to the Planning Board and request that he change the maps to conform with the tax map.

The Dept of Environmental Services wants to do some work on docks on Lake Winnepesaukee. They would like to have the Conservation Commissions of towns on the Lake send a letter to DES saying we approve of their going ahead with repairing of docks. In this way, they would avoid having to go through a lengthy approval process to go ahead with this project.

Bruce made a motion that we vote to approve DES's request to forgo the approval process and go forward with dock repairs. Randy seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

Summer meetings in July 8 and August 12 will be tentative. Bruce will e-mail the Commissioners if anything comes up requiring our immediate attention in summer months. The next meeting date is set for September 9, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Randy, seconded by Moe. Meeting adjourned at 12:08.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Picard, Secretary