

Town of Center Harbor

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes – Town Hall

Monday July 27, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM by acting Chair Harry Viens. Present were Gwen Bronson and Karin Karagozian.

Special Topic:

The Commission has lost several members in the last six (6) months and is now comprised of only three (sic) individuals. At the same time the only open initiative is the Fogg Hill Project. The decision was made (Moved by Viens, Seconded by Bronson, agreed to by Karagozian) to suspend regular meetings of the Commission and call meetings as needed (that is, when new initiatives present themselves or for any matter requiring discussion and/or vote by the Commission.) In the meantime the members will attempt to recruit new members to join the Commission.

1) Old Business

- a. Fogg Hill Project – The Commission is awaiting a draft of the proposed easement from LRCT. Once this is received and approved the Commission will meet to discuss and vote on releasing of the funds previously approved (\$40,000).
- b. Recruitment of New Members - Acting Chair Viens reported that a press release had been placed with local newspapers but no volunteers were forthcoming. The Town is in the process of updating the website and will have a section calling for volunteers. The Town reader board will also be utilized to attempt to identify potential members. All remaining Commissioners will continue to network and recruit new members.

Interruption – the Meeting was interrupted for approximately 5 minutes by an automobile fire across the street at Heath's Market.

2) New Business

- a. The Commission voted to accept the resignation of Commissioner Barbara Picard for personal reasons and to request the Select Board to send a letter thanking her for her service and expressing our regrets at her leaving.
- b. Future Meeting Schedule – After discussion the Commissioners voted to suspend regular meetings and election of officers until new members can be recruited (Moved by Viens, Seconded by Karagozian, agreed by Bronson). Ongoing meetings will be scheduled as needed in response to new initiatives and/or opportunities.

- c. Correspondence Procedures – Acting Chair Viens will monitor correspondence and prepare summaries as appropriate which will be forwarded to members. If any item requires action a meeting will be scheduled, noticed and held.
- d. Current Correspondence included:
  - i. Current bank statement
  - ii. Notice of upcoming NHACC meeting
  - iii. Notification from DES regarding approval of a dock extension for the Ramsey Trust
  - iv. Thank you letter from Pat Tarpey for contribution to cover water testing in Center Harbor Bay
  - v. Letter from Mason NH Conservation Commission requesting the CH Conservation Commission write to the Governor Protesting the proposed Kinder Morgan pipeline – a sample draft letter was provided
  - vi. The latest Newsletter from SLCS
  - vii. No action was taken on the above items.
- 3) Additional Business
  - a. Commissioner Karagozian requested a current list of all conserved properties in Center Harbor – Acting Chair Viens will research and present the latest list available.
- 4) Adjournment
  - a. Commissioner Karagozian moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 AM, seconded by Commissioner Bronson, agreed to by Acting Chair Viens.