

CENTER HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION
APPROVED Meeting Minutes
Cary Mead Meeting Room
Municipal Building; Center Harbor, NH
Tuesday, September 16, 2014

CALL TO ORDER At 10:09 a.m. the meeting was called to order. Commission members present were Bruce Bond, Chair, Maureen Criasia (Moe), Randy Mattson, Karin Karagozian, Harry Viens, and Barbara Picard. Gwen Bronson was absent with notice.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

UPDATES

Fogg Hill Conservation Easement

LRCT says that the Conservation Easement will hopefully be in place by the walk at Fogg Hill on October 18th. There are certain criteria that have to be met prior to the completion of the easement. Chris Bolt also needs to review the easement to make sure that there is a hold harmless clause in the easement. Once this is completed the CHCC will release the funds. The Commission does not need to review the easement prior to its completion. On the 14th of October, we can take a vote to release the funds. There is going to be a work day on September 22nd to remove some of the debris on the Fogg Hill property.

Status of the NRI & Natural Resources Chapter of the Master Plan

Another individual has entered more land into permanent conservation and this has held up the completion of the mapping due to recalculation of conservation lands. A deadline has been set for September 30th for any new lands to be entered.

Proposed Water Resources Ordinance

Nothing has changed. The Planning Board needs to draft a warrant article for the March ballot. Harry will talk to them to make sure this is done in time.

Roger LaRochelle feedback on CARTY property

At the Center Harbor Woods Walk, Roger said that there is a property for sale at the end of the Newman Road. It could be a potential conservation property so, we should follow developments in the sale of the property but, for now, no action is being taken.

ONGOING CONSERVATION PROJECTS

CHCC Website

The Select Board is talking to potential partners who can help with website redesign which could give us templates for formatting. We should focus on content, not design at this point in the hope that we can use one of the newly created design templates.

LRCT/CHCC partner walks in Center Harbor Woods and Fogg Hill

John Martin led the informative hike on Center Harbor Woods which was well attended and well received. Rick Van de Poll will lead the Fogg Hill walk on October 18th. Bruce, Moe, Karin and Randy plan to attend.

OTHER BUSINESS

Correspondence

Robert Nichols, resident on Hawkins Pond sent a letter; he will become the Department of Environmental Service's (DES) VLAP, (Volunteer Lake Assessment Program), monitor for water clarity, Ph, bacteria monitoring, etc. on the Pond. Hawkins Pond is at the headwaters of the Waukeewan Watershed so, it is important to have the monitoring. Cost is \$120 for sampling and it would be 3 times a year, June, July and August to do this monitoring.

Randy made a motion that we increase our operating budget by \$400 to cover the cost of the VLAP monitoring. Bruce seconded; all approved.

Center Harbor Conservation Lands

Harry mentioned that the average amount of land conserved across the state is 25%; Center Harbor is 11% at this time. It would be nice to set an objective of 25% for our town. Most of the land that would qualify is in Current Use right now and therefore, the tax implications would be minimal to the residents of the Town. This recommendation could possibly be inserted into Chapter 6, section 6.8, *Open Space and Conservation Lands*, of the Natural Resources Chapter of the Master Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Karin, seconded by Randy. Meeting adjourned at 11:10.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Picard, Secretary