

CENTER HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION
APPROVED Meeting Minutes
Cary Mead Meeting Room
Municipal Building; Center Harbor, NH
Monday, November 3, 2014

CALL TO ORDER At 10:04 a.m. the meeting was called to order. Commission members present were Maureen Criasia (Moe), Harry Viens, Randy Mattson, Gwen Bronson, Bruce Bond, Karin Karagozian, and Barbara Picard,.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 14, 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.

UPDATES

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

Rick van de Poll is going to give Moe final draft of the document. Once Moe has reviewed the document for accuracy, the Commission will approve it, after which, the Planning Board will receive the document and give its approval.

Proposed Water Resources Ordinance

Harry confirmed that the Ordinance is going before the Planning Board again on Thursday. It will be reviewed page by page at that time. The primary concern seems to be the complexity of the Ordinance. Could it be distilled down to a quick reference guide for permitted use, setbacks, etc.? We will see what Rick would charge for this task although he may not be available. It would have to be completed this month. Assuming we get the Planning Board to go forward on this it would be probably good to do some educational outreach to inform the public about the Ordinance because otherwise it may not be understood. Harry wrote an informational statement that very clearly describes the intent; that could be used. Most agreed this is probably a task for the Planning Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Don Berry, LRCT, on Center Harbor properties/Fogg Hill Conservation Easement

Regarding the Fogg Hill property. We are close to having a final draft on the Conservation Easement. Don supplied a map that shows the property shaded in yellow.

In the midst of all of the work on the conservation easement, the Bascom property went up for sale. Before they moved they had spoken to LRCT about putting the land into conservation but, never had the chance to do it before putting it on the market. The realtor has a client who may be interested in the house and 12 acres, not the entire parcel. It is possible that over the coming weeks, there may be a way to purchase the other 48 acres through the LRCT and add it to the Fogg Hill property. If this does come together, Don may come back to us and see if the Commission would be interested in committing funds to this purchase and link it to the Fogg Hill easement. On the map, the 48 acres is outlined in red.

Letter to Planning Board re the Master Plan

Moe wrote a letter dated October 26 regarding the Center Harbor Master Plan goals and recommendations. It was well received by Commission members and Rick van de Poll. Moe made a motion that the letter be approved and sent to Charley Hanson, Chair, CH Planning Board. Randy made a motion that the letter be approved and sent to Charley Hanson; Bruce seconded. There was unanimous approval.

2014 Annual Report

Bruce will take on the writing of the Annual Report.

Warrant Articles for 2015

Moe had on her list to take a look at optional powers on conservation lands that are in two towns, see RSA 36-A:4-a,I(b). For now, if there is a Center Harbor conservation land that goes partially outside of town boundaries, we are not authorized to have an easement on the portion that is in the other town.

Karin made a motion, Randy seconded, that we have two separate warrant articles, as follows:

"Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to 'qualified organizations' for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property?"

"Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(a) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body?"

There was unanimous approval.

Correspondence

The New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions sent out an annual survey.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on December 9th.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Bruce, seconded by Barb. Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Picard, Secretary