

CENTER HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION
APPROVED Meeting Minutes
Cary Mead Meeting Room
Municipal Building; Center Harbor, NH
Tuesday, November 12, 2013

CALL TO ORDER At 10:05 a.m. the meeting was called to order. Commission members present were Bruce Bond, Chair, Maureen Criasia, Karin Karagozian, Harry Viens, Gwen Bronson and Barbara Picard. Commission members absent were JoAnn Wood and Randy Mattson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 10, 2013: Karin moved to approve the minutes; Harry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (No October meeting)

UPDATES

Fogg Hill Property Purchase/Conservation Easement/LRCT:

The Select Board has been approached by LRCT regarding the release of the Conservation Easement funds for Fogg Hill property. December 2nd is the new closing date. Because of the impounded water on the property, an indemnification hold harmless clause will be included in the language of the conservation easement in case there is any problem resulting from the clean-up.

Article for newsletter:

The newsletter article with the Center Harbor Conservation Commission update is currently on the website and will not be sent with the tax bills as done in previous years in order to save money and paper.

Water Resources Ordinance:

The Planning Board intends to post the draft ordinance on the website. The ordinance will indicate the criteria that will determine the status of each wetland complex within the town and whether or not it falls into the category of "designated wetlands". There will be a full legal review as well after public hearing. The new comprehensive water resources map will appear on the warrant in 2014. It is planned to have the Water Resources Ordinance appear on the ballot in 2015.

OTHER BUSINESS

Conservation Commission Webpage Revision

The process of re-creating the webpage will undoubtedly have associated costs. We will address the revision after the new year.

2014 Budget for CHCC

If money is appropriated and not spent, unused monies are returned to the General Fund. From 2004, unused monies that have been returned to the General Fund equals \$5,980. A general review of appropriation vs. actual spending was done.

We anticipate no contribution in 2013 to the Conservation Fund because no properties were taken out of current use this year. The town of Center Harbor contributes significantly less to the Conservation Fund via LUCT (Land Use Change Tax) compared to most towns in the state.

In order to amend the NRI in the Natural Resources chapter of the Master Plan, it has been determined that we will need \$5,000 for that project. We need to decide whether to go for a line item of \$5,000 in full or in part, or take it out of the Conservation Fund. Different options were explored by the Commission. It was suggested by Harry that we make a presentation to the Select Board describing our various options and to seek their guidance.

It has been noted that we would have never been able to develop the Water Resources Ordinance unless we had the NRI and the Natural Resources chapter of the Master Plan in place.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual report will be due by January. We should get a draft to Robin by the end of December. Bruce will write the draft.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Karin, seconded by Harry. Meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Picard, Secretary