CENTER HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION DRAFT Meeting Minutes Cary Mead Meeting Room Municipal Building; Center Harbor, NH Tuesday, December 9, 2014

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> At 10:00 a.m. the meeting was called to order. Commission members present were Bruce Bond, Chair, Maureen Criasia (Moe), Harry Viens, Randy Mattson, Karin Karagozian, and Barbara Picard. Gwen Bronson was absent with notice.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 3, 2014 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Karin and seconded by Harry to approve the minutes as presented. The minutes were unanimously approved.

UPDATES AND ACTION ITEMS

NRI and Natural Resources Chapter of the Master Plan

We have a finalized Chapter 6 of the Master Plan. Planning Board is reviewing the document and is happy with the text, maps, etc and it will no doubt be approved on December 16th at their next meeting. A recommendation has been added to Chapter 6 that our target goal will be to conserve 25% of the property in the town.

Map Preparation by Rick Van de Poll

Rick had to spend a lot of time reconciling maps to match tax maps and to make other corrections when discrepancies were discovered. He has gone over budget for this reason by \$1,500. Planning Board had \$2,500. budgeted for this work and released \$2,300 a few months ago once preliminary work was done. They have said they will not release the remaining \$200 despite the additional time spent.

Randy made a motion that we release the \$2,500. that the Conservation Commission budgeted for Rick at this time. Karin seconded. Unanimous approval.

Randy made a motion to take an additional \$250. out of the remaining operating budget in our Conservation fund to cover expenses related to copying and binding of mapping documents. Harry seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Update on Water Resources Ordinance

The Water Resources Ordinance is having a legal review done now. What has happened as a result of the mapping corrections is that these changes need to be approved by the town. A warrant article will be written for these minor changes.

Update on Fogg Hill Conservation Easement

The last pin was set before Thanksgiving and all boundaries have been found. The boundary line agreements need to be written with all adjacent landowners. Progress is being made; no problems are foreseen, but, it will take time to complete all necessary steps.

OTHER BUSINESS Status of the 2014 Annual Report

Bruce said he will continue to work on the Annual Report. Normally, this should be submitted in January.

Master Plan Recommendation Review

Moe shared a copy of the list of goals and recommendations found in the Implementation Chapter of the Master Plan. We have been asked to comment on whether these fall under the purview of the Conservation Commission.

2.5.2 "Prepare a Scenic Resources Inventory that evaluates vistas, viewsheds and points of interest"

We believe this may fall within the scope of our responsibility, however, we need clarification on many points. Randy proposed a subcommittee should be formed with members (less than a quorum) from the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission to address all the questions we have regarding compiling the Scenic Resources Inventory: its purpose, for whom is it being prepared, implications for private landowners, etc. There is a Scenic Resources Inventory that is noted in Chapter 6.9 of the Master Plan. The list in Chapter 6.9 has been named a "beginning step in the identification and protection of scenic value" in Center Harbor.

6.10.6 "Assess active agricultural areas to determine most productive soils" There exists a map (6-2) "Important Soils" with an overlay showing the most productive soils in the town of Center Harbor. Moe will ask the Planning Board if this satisfies that goal.

We are all in agreement that the Conservation Commission does not possess the funding, the resources or the technical expertise to address the following initiatives: 6.10.1; 6.10.2; 6.10.3; 6.10.7; 6.10.8; 6.10.10; 6.10.16; 6.10.17; 6.10.19; 6.10.20; 6.10.21

Correspondence

Nothing of significance.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on January 13th.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Picard, Secretary