

Conservation Commission

Wednesday, June 2, 2010  
Corner Meeting House  
Belmont, New Hampshire

Members Present: Chairman Ken Knowlton, Keith Bennett, David Morse  
Carol Fairfield, Scott Rolfe  
Members Absent: Denise Naiva(e), Ward Peterson(u)  
Alternates Absent: Mark Lewandoski(u), Brent O'Brien(u)  
Staff: Rick Ball, Denise Rollins

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

**BOARD'S ACTION-MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** On a motion by C. Fairfield, seconded by K. Bennett, the members voted to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2010 meeting as written. (5-0)

**OLD HOME DAY:**

R. Ball said that Lisa Morin of the Belknap County Conservation District (BCCD) will be attending their next meeting to describe to them what her participation will be on Old Home Day.

K. Knowlton wants to invite the Old Home Day chairman to their next meeting to find out what the committee would like to see from the members. He sent her some suggestions but hasn't heard back yet. S. Rolfe suggested doing a tree identification at the town forest or a birding tour on another property probably the Sanborn Farm. He said that he would be willing to do both. They need to set up the dates if they are going to do it prior to Old Home Day and get an idea of the number of people attending by signing up on the town website or at Town Hall. This would be a way to show the public some of the properties the town has acquired.

**PLAN NH CHARRETTE:**

Chairman Knowlton encouraged the members to attend the charrette scheduled for Friday, June 4

and Saturday, June 5. There will be 2 sessions on Friday, one at 2:30p.m. and another at 7:00p.m. which will be for the community to give their ideas for the village area. The idea is to come up with a plan for the future vision of the town.

K. Knowlton said that Chris Williams will be attending who is the architect that attended the charrette in 1996 for the Belmont Mill. He said the Belmont Mill charrette was a success. S. Rolfe said it would be nice to see streetscaping done in the village where they could increase walkways and make a greenway. More greenery in the town would be a plus. D. Morse said it may not be possible since there is not much land or grass and the houses are very close to the street. K. Knowlton said that one of the advantages that Belmont has is that it doesn't have any empty storefronts like other towns. The town could be made attractive first which could draw some businesses in like lawyer offices. D. Morse said that the session on Saturday is the integral part. At 3:00 p.m. the Plan NH team will formally present their concepts of the village to the public. K. Knowlton thought that Old Home Day would be a great place for people to view it.

### **STAFF REPORT:**

#### **BEAN DAM:**

R. Ball told the members that the plan submitted for the dam breach by Locke has been approved. He hasn't heard when they will be starting. They will not have to breach to the ground but within six feet.

#### **AQUATIC RESOURCES MITIGATION GRANT:**

R. Ball said that the site selection committee met on May 26. A tentative site walk of the Tioga River Wildlife and Conservation Area has been set for June 10. He said he can ask Tracey Tarr of Stoney Ridge Environmental to be there.

#### **NEW MEMBER:**

R. Ball said that Nick Coates has sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting to become a member of the Commission. He is on the agenda for their next meeting on June 7.

#### **BCCD:**

R. Ball met with Lisa Morin. She is moving forward into looking into a hay co-op and rehabbing of hay fields. K. Knowlton said he knows of some towns where they have very large fields that are maintained by a group of people who pay money to farm them. This could be another avenue for farmers looking for other options to make money. He said that he would like to find a way to offer the farmers some ideas or grants. S. Rolfe said they could sponsor farming workshops.

#### **POSTAGE FOR CHARRETTE MAILINGS:**

The members were asked if they would be willing to pay the \$143 for the postage for the charrette mailings.

**MOTION:** On a motion by C. Fairfield, seconded by S. Rolfe, the members voted to fund

the cost of \$143 for the postage for the charrette mailings. (5-0)

**OLD HOME DAY FLOAT:**

The members agreed that D. Naiva would be the perfect person to be in charge of the float. K. Knowlton thought it was a wonderful idea.

**MOTION:** On a motion by K. Bennett, seconded by S. Rolfe, the members voted to assign D. Naiva as the person in charge of formulating and constructing the float for Old Home Day. (5-0)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** On a motion by C. Fairfield, seconded by S. Rolfe, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise Rollins

