

Conservation Commission

Wednesday, February 1, 2006
Corner Meeting House
Belmont, New Hampshire

Members Present: Chairman K. Knowlton, N. Wederski, W. Peterson,
D. Naiva, M. Lewandoski, B. Watterson
Alternates Present: S. Rolfe
Alternates Absent: M. McLetchie(e), G. Wells-Kay(e)
Staff: R. Ball, D. Rollins

The chairman opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

BOARD'S ACTION-MINUTES:

D. Naiva requested the minutes of January 18, 2006 be amended. She wanted it to be reflected in the minutes that the grant proposal that G. Wells-Kay put together is more for education and public relations than simply mapping.

MOTION: On a motion by D. Naiva, seconded by N. Wederski it was voted to approve the amended minutes of the January 18, 2005 meeting. (6-0) W.Peterson abstained.

MAP 234 LOT 4 HARKER PROPERTY:

The members had received a copy of an e-mail sent to R. Ball from the town counsel Mr. Timothy Bates. He advised the members to have an environmental site assessment done of the property. He also said that they need to have a professional title search done and to purchase title insurance. Because of this R. Ball did not think that the March first closing date would happen. He said that he would contact Mr. Harker to see if he would agree to a one month extension. It was written in the purchase and sales agreement that time is of the essence. R. Ball said that this is because Mr. Harker is concerned that DES is going to start moving forward with their enforcement action. He said that he would talk to DES and see if he can get some kind of confirmation that they will not act on it while there is a purchase and sales agreement in place with the town. W. Peterson suggested that a provision be added to it if the environmental study is not good then they would be able to get out of it. Mr. Bates also stated that he didn't think the members had a firm understanding of what it will cost to comply with the DES administrative order to restore the wetlands. D. Naiva said that at the last meeting R. Ball had itemized the things that needed to be done for mitigation. She thinks they do have a clear understanding and can probably put his concerns to rest if they address it in more detail to him. R. Ball said that he would send a copy of the itemized list to Mr. Bates and to the Board of Selectmen. He thinks that an environmental study could be done very quickly. He will contact Jim Tarr of Applied Geosystems to get a price to do the

environmental assessment. The members discussed voting to authorize Chairman Knowlton to spend up to a certain amount for the site assessment and to purchase title insurance.

MOTION: On a motion by W. Peterson, seconded by W. Peterson, the members voted to authorize Chairman Knowlton to spend up to \$5,000.00 to have an environmental site assessment done on the Harker property. (7-0)

S. Rolfe suggested that this may be something that should be added to the acquisition plan. He also thought the members could have an onsite meeting with DES. K. Knowlton said it would give them the opportunity to see if the property needs to be reclaimed as wetlands. W. Peterson said that they could talk to DES about creating some wildlife habitat.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION RETREAT:

G. Wells-Kay suggested that the Commission plan an organizational meeting/retreat. At this meeting they could set goals, objectives and action plans for this year, for 5 years and for 10 years out. They could also discuss amending the Conservation Commission part of the 2002 Master Plan. They could then walk some of the properties they already have or are interested in. D. Naiva offered to have the meeting at her home. The members scheduled it for April 15th starting at 9:00 a.m.

STAFF REPORT:

WATERSHED TO WILDLIFE, INC.:

R. Ball said that he has received the contract from Watershed to Wildlife to do the Natural Resource Inventory. Chairman Knowlton will need to sign it.

SNOWMOBILE TRAIL:

R. Ball discussed Greg Caulfield's plan to relocate the snowmobile trail from Map 215 Lot 302 to Map 215 Lot 3.

OTHER BUSINESS:

BBT TIMES:

D. Naiva said that the education committee is putting together an article for the next issue of the BBT. It's an informational article about the Commission's activities.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: On a motion by M. Lewandoski, seconded by W. Peterson, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. (7-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Rollins

