

BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION Meeting of

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May 12, 2010 (Amended June 9, 2010)

Members In attendance: Doug Cowie, Jody Kaufman, Ray Jones, Emily Schmalzer, Heather Dudley-Tatman, and Rob Wofchuck, chair

Meeting convened at 7:03PM.

1. Dudley-Tatman moved the April minutes. Cowie seconded the motion. The April minutes were approved.
2. Presentation on Brentwood's Environmental Regulations by Derek Sowers Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership. Mr. Sowers presented the results of the Piscataqua Region Environmental Planning Assessment. The assessment was a compilation and comparison of environmental planning in the 52 towns in New Hampshire and Maine located in the Piscataqua Watershed. Mr. Sowers presented how Brentwood compared to the other towns in the region. In general Brentwood is in good standing with regards to the Conservation Commission and Open Space Committees activities and the plans and ordinance in place. Mr. Sowers identified several areas where improvements could be made (included as a handout).
3. Following Mr. Sowers presentation a facilitated discussion on prioritizing regulatory efforts was led by Amanda Stone of the Natural Resources Outreach Coalition and Michele Gagne of the UNH Cooperative Extension. Based on the list of areas where improvements could be made prepared by Mr. Sowers, the commission discussed interests and priorities. It was decided that outreach is the priority for now. Goals include making residents aware of current regulations and ordinances and making the residents aware of issues that may require future support.
4. Open Space Update - Wofchuck reported that Dave Viale from the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire (SELTNH) stated that a large project will be taking a lot of the funding. A second round of funding may be announced May 14. Several Brentwood projects are on the list to obtain funding.
5. Wofchuck announced that at the June meeting Lenny Lord of the Rockingham County Conservation District will present a presentation about the potential of teaming with them for an Aquatic Mitigation grant which is due in September.
6. Wofchuck stated that Mr. Seekamp and Victor Schmalzer have been expressing concerns regarding the 111A Emergency Culvert Replacement. Concerns include the height of the outflow and the washout materials which were not removed. Mr. Seekamp has talked to NH DOT and the Wetlands Bureau. Mr. Seekamp suggested that the conservation commission express the concerns regarding the culvert to the Wetlands Bureau as well. E. Schmalzer moved to have Wofchuck prepare a letter to the Wetlands Bureau. Kaufman seconded the motions and the motion passed
7. Wofchuck attended the Exeter Dam Meeting. It was a public input session to collect ideas and concerns that the public has prior to developing studies and plans.
8. The town received a complaint about dumping activities in the Mill Falls Cluster easement. According to Cowie who researched the easement and looked into the complaint reported that there is yardwaste in the easement and that the monuments are hard to find and may have been removed. According to the easement the commission is responsible for enforcement of

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the easment. E. Schmalzer moves to make Cowie the commission's representative to address the complaint on the Mill Falls Cluster easment. Jones seconds the motion and the motion carried. Doug will attempt to make phone contact with the homeowners association and will follow up contact with a letter for verification of discussion.

At 9:15 PM, E. Schmalzer moved to adjourn, Jones seconded and the motion carried.