

BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION Meeting of

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June 9, 2010

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

Alternates in attendance: Victor Schmalzer and Reid Bunker

Meeting convened at 7:03PM.

1. E. Schmalzer moved to give V. Schmalzer and Bunker voting rights. Cowie seconded and the motion passed.
  2. Cowie moved the May minutes. E. Schmalzer seconded the motion. Wofchuck provided typographic error edits. The May minutes were approved as amended.
  3. Discussion on Aquatic Mitigation Resources Grant. Guest Leonard Lord, PhD of the Rockingham County Conservation District Piscataqua (RCCD) and Sally Soule of the NH DES. Mr. Lord provided the commission on the background of the RCCD. They are a subdivision of the state and a non-profit organization. They hold 9 easements in Brentwood and provide municipal support to the members of Rockingham County. They can receive and oversee grants. The coastal watershed, which Brentwood is located in, has received \$1.6 million to be distributed through the Aquatic Mitigation Resources Grant. The grant would be used to address areas of concern in Brentwood noted in the Exeter River Geomorphic Assessment. Mr. Lord reviewed the key components of the application and areas where points can be maximized. Ms. Soule reviewed the 319-Grant program she oversees. The objective of the 319-grants is to protect or improve high quality waters. Ms. Soule and Mr. Lord reviewed the sites listed for restoration and protection in the Exeter River Geomorphic Assessment. It was Mr. Lord's opinion that an application could be put together for the town which would maximize points and hopefully result in a favorable outcome.
  4. Cowie moves that the commission pay up to \$2,200 from the Conservation Fund to hire the RCCD to assess the available projects and prepare an application for the Aquatic Mitigation Resources Grant. E. Schmalzer seconded the motion and the motion carried. It was decided that Wofchuck should inform the Selectman on the intent to spend funds on this grant application.
  5. 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. Several Brentwood projects are on the list to obtain funding if addition funds are made available.
  6. There will be a workshop on legal and ethical issues associated with being a Municipal Volunter on Thursday June, 24.
  7. Cowie provided an update on the complaint about dumping activities in the Mill Falls Cluster easment. Cowie was able to contacted Julie Cuvellier, the president of the Mill Falls Home Owners Association. They will be scheduling and completing a site walk.
- At 9:06 PM, Cowie moved to adjourn, V. Schmalzer seconded and the motion carried.