

## BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Meeting of March 9, 2016

Members in attendance: Doug Cowie, Heather Dudley-Tatman, Heather Gilbert, Jody Kaufman, Emily Schmalzer, Jeff Donald and Rob Wofchuck, chair

Selectmen's Rep in attendance: Bob Mantegari

Alternates in attendance: None

Public Present: Debbie Briscoe

Meeting convened at 7:05PM

Cowie moved the February 10, 2016 minutes, Gilbert seconded. The minutes were approved. Donald abstained.

Wofchuck presented an update on the Upcoming Events:

1. Events
  - a. Lenny Lord of the RCCD will present invasive species workshop. April 13, 2016 at 7 PM at the Library will be an indoor presentation. May 14, 2016 has been selected as the date for the hands on workshop at Stout Oak Farm.
    - i. Publicize on bulletin board, town website, Facebook, NHACC, Stewardship Network, Carriage Towne News, newsletter article
    - ii. Tatman handed around draft flyers for comment
  - b. Spring Cleanup was scheduled for April 30, 2016.
    - i. Emily to check with church and get a couple more boxes of trash bags
    - ii. 10am to Noon
  - c. June 8<sup>th</sup> – Wofchuck approached by Truslow Resources to do an outreach presentation as part of the town's DES Water Supply Grant with Planning Board.
    - i. Truslow suggested having UNH Cooperative Extension come in and do a presentation on "Landscaping at the Water's Edge".
    - ii. Members agreed to move forward on June 8<sup>th</sup> as part of the monthly meeting and hold it at the library.
    - iii. Wofchuck to check with library
2. Newsletter Articles
  - a. April – Dudley-Tatman to write on Invasive Species and Cleanup
  - b. May – Emily – Exeter River
  - c. June – Jody

Wofchuck discussed NHDOT Wetlands Permit to do routine roadway maintenance on 15" culvert on North Road by Shannon Way. There were no objections.

Wofchuck presented Final drafts of Land Management Plans. The majority of changes discussed at the last meeting and the comments from Briscoe were incorporated.

Briscoe discussed previous trail locations that existed on Stevens' property prior to recent fencing added for grazing cattle. Briscoe would like some ability to continue to have good loop through this property since primary goal of easement was for the town to have recreation. Briscoe had several suggestions and it was agreed that when we got to the point of discussing trails, we would all meet to discuss the best way to move forward.

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It was also pointed out that the consultant suggested a written agreement with the person using the town land to graze his cattle. This agreement would lay out the responsibilities of each party and this agreement would reduce the town's risk and insure that the property was used and returned in good condition.

In the Rec Center plan, Briscoe urged the members to reconsider including relocation of the main trail. The members understand the importance of this trail but this is the consultant's recommendation and not the members. It is understood that trails are very important on this property and it is the goal of the plans to enhance the property so all options will be reviewed. Consultation with Briscoe will be done when moving forward with any detailed plans or activities. It was agreed to change the label on the map to include as "recommended by consultant".

Wofchuck will get back to consultant Littleton with comments and schedule a date to present to the Selectboard with Littleton.

Wofchuck discussed the new senior housing development on Pickpocket Road that was presented at a Design Review Hearing. There was discussion whether Brentwood still needed to have a senior housing ordinance given that the town appears to have diversity of housing options and home prices are affordable as shown by the elimination of the Affordable Housing Ordinance.

Wofchuck presented bills to be paid

1. Wofchuck submitted registration charge of \$60 for Saving Special Places 2016 meeting. Mantegari moved to pay from budget and Donald seconded, the motion passed.
2. Wofchuck presented at bill from Moosewood Ecology for the Land Management Plans. Mantegari moved to pay from Conservation Fund and Donald seconded, the motion passed.

Wofchuck discussed the Exeter River Project and that the RCCD has submitted a permit request for invasive species treatment. The permit application and treatment will be covered from the reserve fund established by the grant for ongoing maintenance.

At 8:55 PM Gilbert moved to adjourn, Cowie seconded and the motion carried.  
Respectfully submitted by Rob Wofchuck and Heather Dudley-Tatman