

BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting of April 9, 2014

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

Selectmen's Rep in attendance: Bob Mantegari

Alternates in attendance: Randall Davis and Reid Bunker

Meeting convened at 7:07PM.

Cowie moves to give Davis voting rights, the motion is seconded by Dudley-Tatman and passed.

In March Wofchuck stated that the Highway department asked for assistance in identifying and obtaining grants for culvert improvement along Prescott Road. Wofchuck meet with the highway department to discuss their plans. Wofchuck then contacted Michele Tremblay of NH Rivers Council. Ms Tremblay was present tonight to provide a description of what New Hampshire Rivers Council could do. New Hampshire Rivers Council works to repair and conserve rivers and watersheds in New Hampshire. They work to identify a variety of funding sources. They would be able to identify grant opportunities and prepare the grant applications. Ms. Tremblay will work with Wofchuck to see how the highway's department needs may fit with the available funding.

The March 19, 2014 minutes were moved by Cowie and seconded by Kaufman. The motion passed.

Spring Cleanup Event was discussed. The date is Saturday April 19th from 10:30 to 12:30. E Schmalzer to get more bags and confirm use of church, Dudley-Tatman to publicize and has coordinated with boy scouts and cub scouts. , confirm disposal with DPW, and shop for the barbeque.

7:50 Wofchuck opened public hearing. The public hearing was scheduled to discuss expenditures from the Conservation Fund to cover the costs associated with appraisals and other expenses related to pursuing a conservation easement. The property owner has withdrawn their interest to move forward with an easement for now. Wofchuck closed the public hearing at 7:52.

Wofchuck discussed need to update worksheets on conservation easements and open space opportunities.

Wofchuck presented an update on the Exeter River Grant. There is grant money left for ongoing monitoring and to replace some of the vegetation plantings. The plantings will happen sometime in June.

Wofchuck presented and update on the Green Infrastructure Project Grant. The project team presented the findings to the Planning Board on March 20th. The project at the Library was selected to be implemented as part of this Grant. The storm water management improvements at the library will be completed this summer.

Wofchuck provided a reminder that in 2014 Cowie, Dudley-Tatman, Wofchuck, and Bunker are due for renewal with Commission. After discussion it appeared most everyone had been sworn in.

Previously Wofchuck identified the town's mosquito spraying program as a topic of concern at the Town Meeting. Dragon Mosquito presented their intended mosquito control program to the Selectmen on April 8th. The process is described as consisting a three phases; Phase 1 Larvacide, Phase 2 Surfactant, and Phase 3 hand spraying if warranted. Land owners can opt out of any of the Phases by contacting Dragon

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Mosquito. Commissions had mixed feelings on the program. Wofchuck encouraged members to complete research and bring ideas and information to the commission.

Upcoming Events:

ERLAC meeting will be hosted by Brentwood on April 22 at 7PM

At 8:50 PM Cowie moved to adjourn, Kaufman seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Dudley-Tatman