

BRENTWOOD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting of July 8, 2015

Members in attendance: Doug Cowie, Heather Dudley-Tatman, Heather Gilbert, Jody Kaufman (arrived late), Emily Schmalzer, and Rob Wofchuck, chair

Selectmen's Rep in attendance: Ken Christenson

Alternates in attendance: Reid Bunker, Randall Davis, and Mark Glowacky

Meeting convened at 7:02PM

Wofchuck moved to give Bunker and Glowacky voting rights, Cowie seconded and the motion passed.

Cowie moved the June minutes and Gilbert seconded and the motion passed.

Joseph Coronati of Jones & Beach Engineers, Inc. was present to present a preliminary plan for development at the Sig Sauer facility located off Exeter Road (Route 27) under a conditional use permit. The plan is to construct a new 14,000 square foot building to use as an open-air shooting range. This development is located within the Brentwood portion of the facility and is intended to be within walking distance to the classroom building. Based on steep grades and wetlands the current plan has the small gravel parking area, gravel access road, and corner of the building within the 100 foot buffer. The commission discussed the plans and made the following recommendations to be considered: 1) move the building to the east so that it is out of the buffer 2) implement storm water management that may be better than just a detention pond 3) the commission would be interested in a Site walk.

7:35PM Wofchuck Opens the Public Hearing. The public hearing was to discuss expenditures from the Conservation Fund to cover the costs associated with updating the files and data on town-held conservation easements. Jeremy Lougee of the SELTNH was present to answer questions about the proposed scope and budget. The SELTNH would provide follow-up on issues identified during the 2014 easement monitoring and to organize 7 easement files. No members of the public were in attendance. Bunker moved that up to \$2,000 be spent from the Conservation Fund to be the SELTNH for these services. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed. Cowie moved to close the public hearing. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed to close the public hearing at 7:40PM.

Jeremy Lougee provided an Open Space update on the Fralic property. Due to a probate dispute, the deadlines for several grants including the WRP and NRCS have been missed but will hopefully be available next year. Mr. Lougee prepared an ARM Fund pre application and received comments that an appraisal to indicate actual value of the project is required to make a strong application. Mr. Lougee has discussed the completion of an appraisal with Mr. DeYoung and he is not opposed however he is reaching his out of pocket limit. The commission discussed and as this property is a high priority for the commission due to its location along the Exeter River and adjacent to other easements it would consider paying a portion of the appraisal costs for this project like they have for other easements. Cowie moved that in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 the commission agree to pay half of the appraisal cost up to \$2,500 from the Conservation Fund pursuant to a memorandum of understanding being executed and the outcome of the project resulting in a conservation easement. In the event the project did not result in a conservation outcome, the landowner would be required to pay the town back for the appraisal. Bunker seconded and the motion passes.

Wofchuck presented an update on the Exeter River Project on Rowell Road and Haigh Road. This year 3 trees were replaced and watered. Wofchuck received a bill from the RCCD for \$584.07 for the trees and

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installation. Wofchuck moved that this bill be paid from the project fund. Cowie seconded and the motion passed.

Gilbert presented an update on the Land Management Plans. Jeff Littleton of Moosewood Ecological, LLC provided Gilbert with the following by email:

1. The site visits are mostly completed;
2. Is there access along Pickpocket to the easement (answer was decided: no)
3. The next step is mapping and report preparation;
4. There was recent logging off Pickpocket; and
5. August's meeting he would like to present preliminary findings.

Wofchuck reported that he had nothing new to update on Easement Monitoring.

Wofchuck presented update on NHDES 319a grants to install low impact development (LID) storm water management systems at municipal sites. The engineers are working on conceptual plans that they will present to the highway department.

Wofchuck presented an update on WISE II Grant. Brentwood was invited to participate in the grant application. If received the grant would provide planning support and water quality testing.

Wofchuck presented the SELTNH annual contract to provide easement monitoring for 2015. The monitoring would include the purchase of aerial photographs and the physical monitoring of approximately 1/3 of the easements. Based on the contract, Cowie moved to approve up to \$4,000 for the SELTNH to complete the annual easement monitoring. This money is already in the budget for 2015. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed.

Wofchuck presented an update on the Outreach Program:

1. Newsletter Articles – Cowie has the September article.
2. Signs for the town rain gardens have been approved and will be 18 inches by 12 inches.
3. Events the commission discussed options for the RCCD presentation on invasive species. Commission would like to complete the hands on removal option. Wofchuck to confirm a partner or location for the workshop.

Wofchuck presented bills to pay:

1. Bill from Moosewood Ecological, LLC for \$981.00 for Task 3 of the ecological assessment. Gilbert moved to pay and Glowacky seconded and the motion passed.
2. Bill from North of Boston for \$43.58 for publishing the public hearing announcement in the Carriage Towne News. Cowie moved to pay and Glowacky seconded and the motion passed.

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

Respectfully submitted by Heather Dudley-Tatman