

Brentwood Conservation Commission  
Minutes September 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM in the Town Office. Present were chairman Rob Wofchuck, members Doug Cowie, Jeff Donald, Jody Kaufman and Emily Schmalzer, and Alternate Randall Davis. Voting rights were unanimously extended to Randall, and the minutes of last month's meeting were also unanimously passed.

Rob reported the latest on the stormwater remediation project at the library. It is almost complete. He would like to put in some plants in the location not just for esthetics but to identify it so that no one drives over it. We have money in the budget which we anticipate won't be spent this year, and Rob would like us to re-allocate \$250 to purchase such plantings. All members were in favor.

The latest word on the extension of the commercial development on the west side of Route 125 south of the 111A intersection is that the Planning Office has determined that it is not in the Shoreland Protection District. Thus, the 6-unit building with 80 parking spaces can go ahead as planned.

Approval of the Dunham's easement amendment eliminating the option to split off of a 2-acre house lot is progressing smoothly.

Rob continuing to work on the plan to put out an RFP for a land management plan for the town-owned properties, and expects it to be ready for our review at next month's meeting.

Together with UNH, we have received preliminary acceptance of a DES 319a grant (estimated at \$50,000 to \$60,000) to continue implementation of projects identified in the recent Green Infrastructure Project. This grant will continue placing improved stormwater management projects at the town hall, the highway shed and the school. We will also be able to use some of this money for outreach, including signs in library and town hall and brochures. The library has already begun on an indoor display explaining the new rain gardens. In addition we would like to have outdoor signs at each site, perhaps with diagrams of the systems that have been built, and also with recognition of donors

to the constructions. We discussed how to get these signs made. We considered asking for help from senior students at the Seacoast School of Technology who are studying drafting. Doug will inquire about that. Meanwhile Jeff will speak to sign designer and builder friends regarding the possibility of using professional people for the project, and how much we should budget for it. The first draft of the budget is due within the next month or two, so for now Rob will plan to ask for \$2500 for creating a town-wide outreach project including signs and brochures. We may be able to get the UNH people to help us with the content of the signs, since they have done this sort of thing before.

We will not be applying for Moose Plate grants this year, because they don't pay for outreach and signs and we are fully funded otherwise.

We are not working on any active easements just now, but will continue to look out for any projects that may arise.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consensus at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Schmalzer  
Member