

Ashland Conservation Commission

April 9, 2014 Minutes

Attendees: Stacy Luke, Renee Liebert, Gordon McCormack, Dan Stack, Norm DeWolfe, Students from High School

Call to order 6:35.

Minutes

- I. Motion to approve minutes of 02/12/14 made by Stack, McCormack seconded. No corrections. Minutes approved 4-0.

New Business

- II. Welcome High School Students: Discussed a little about what the Conservation Commission does.
- III. Review Wetland Permit: Reviewed Permit Application from Barry Eastman for replacement of an existing dock. Stack moved to accept request to Replace the Existing Dock in a New Location with Anchor Piers. McCormack seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Old Business

- IV. NRI: Jeff Littleton – Alexandria was happy with him. Liebert received an email from the Town of Chesterfield giving a positive reference for him. Luke discovered that he also did work with the Squam Lakes Association. Luke will attend Selectmen’s meeting on April 21 to present to Selectmen. Stack moved to consult with Littleton to develop timetable. Liebert seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Question raised by Liebert as to how much is in the Conservation fund. Luke stated she believed we had enough. Stack asked if Grant money might be available. Luke said Grassroots Environmental Fund has Seed grants - \$250-\$1000. Grow Grants \$1000-\$3500. Also will ask Mr. Littleton re grants. Luke stated that we may be able to get a Moose Plate Grant. Mr. Dewolfe suggested there may also be possible GIS grants.

Luke will ask Mr. Littleton if he will attend out next meeting. Liebert is gone next meeting. Will move meeting to May 21 unless Mr. Littleton can’t make it then will try to find another day. Luke will contact Mr. Littleton and see if he can make it.

- V. Lake Host Program Question about establishing fees – to NHACC. Should we do Lake Host again. Have to match \$300 for \$1000 grant. Question about whether we will have

enough money for the year. Liebert moved to do Lake Host again this year. Stack seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

VI. Rain Barrel/Composter

Luke has sold 2 Rain Barrels and a kitchen pail. Deadline has passed, but we'll still take orders – no one thinks about it until the snow melts. Will further promote. Garden opening 4/19 from 1:00-3:00. Will make sure we have the barrels by then.

- VII. Water Quality Testing: What tests should we do this year – Stack moves Conservation Commission continue to support water quality testing once a month E. Coli, Total Phosphorus, Dissolved Oxygen, Total Nitrogen for \$77 per month. McCormack seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Liebert asked about salinity – Luke will look into it. There is a grant to buy our own equipment – may be able to apply for it next year.

Other Business

Land Use Clerk – DeWolfe stated Patsy used to do it. She wanted to be compensated, some didn't agree, so now looking for Land Use Clerk, but can't hire one due to default budget.

Dark Skies/Excavation Regulations: Luke stated the Mazzone would like to present his research on Dark Skies and Excavation Regulations. Luke asked if we have any gravel pits in Town. Board couldn't think of any.

CIP: For any projects over \$10,000.

Motion to adjourn made by Liebert. Seconded by McCormack. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:50.