

Ashland Conservation Commission (unapproved)

May 21, 2014 Minutes

Attendees: Stacy Luke, Renee Liebert, Gordon McCormack, Dan Stack, Joe Mazonne, Norm DeWolfe, Jeff Littleton

Call to order 6:30.

Minutes

- I. Motion to approve minutes of 04/09/14 made by McCormack, Stack seconded. No corrections. Minutes approved 4-0.

New Business

- II. Logging on Sanborn Road – Letter received from DES re stream crossings on Brogan Road. Luke and Liebert went on a site visit. Luke sent landowner concerns to the State and Historical Resources. DRED forester inspected it, everything is legal. DES inspector emailed Luke today and is unable to come out for another 2 weeks. Logging set to be done by June 1. 57 acre parcel followed by a 60 acre parcel set to start on June 1. No wetlands mapped on the property. Did receive permit for stream crossings. Other issue is oil spill on the road.
- III. James World Permit by Notification: Had a site visit at the dam earlier today. Would like to do maintenance on the manmade channel. PBN to follow. Mr. DeWolfe commented that he was at a Water & Sewer meeting last night and the Town's main sewer line runs right along that embankment. Mazonne said that he would go see Rusty and find out exactly where the sewer line runs. Liebert expressed concern regarding the knotweed and other invasive species. Stack made a motion – subject to the satisfactory location of the sewer line, we should approve. McCormack seconded. Mazonne asked where the spoils are going. Some going to clean fill sites. Stack withdrew motion. Luke states DES will probably approve this, he has grant money and the water is being lowered. Luke stated that whatever we do, we should address all of our concern in writing. Mazonne made, and withdrew, a motion – subject to sewer line findings, sign it and forward along a list of our concerns. Stack, recommend approval of the project subject to the location of the Town sewer line along with our areas of concerns to be addressed before the project's completion. Mazonne seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Mazonne will email findings re the sewer line.

Old Business

- IV. Natural Resources Inventory: Jeff Littleton with Moose wood Ecological. Ecologist in NH and works all over NH. Con Com's main clients on both Town level and fine level. Helps with land use planning & land management. Does a lot of mapping with GIS. Also adjunct faculty at Antioch in Keene – wildlife inventory and forest ecology classes.

Prepared a proposal for us with stages and add ons. Customizes NRI to fit Town's needs. First step – Community Forums. Want to engage community – NRI should eventually be adopted into the Master Plan. Get community feedback. Last about 2 hours. Discussion about conducting a survey and using town bulletin to advertise it. Second forum presents the results of the first forum. Mr. Littleton provides a summary of the results of each forum. Usually makes its way into the final report as appendix. Also presents the draft maps. For part A get a set of maps and a summary from each forum. Timing – doesn't recommend summer forums. Mr. Littleton will forward us a draft contract to consider.

- V. Review Wetland Permit: Permit Application from Barry Eastman for replacement of an existing dock was approved by DES.
- VI. Lake Host Program We got the grant approval. Do we want Dan to do all of it, or should we get someone else involved? Mazzone stated Dan does a good job taking care of the site. If we have young people interested in the position, it would be fine to get them involved too. Luke suggested Page Bavis, who is already trained.
- VII. Rain Barrel/Composter
Luke has extras – may sell some extras at the Open Air market.
- VIII. Water Quality Testing: Starting next Tuesday. Salinity is part of the kit.

Other Business

- IX. Earth Excavations and Dark Skies – Mazzone will bring to next meeting.
- X. Andrew Lane's Dam – Mr. DeWolfe asked if Mr. Lane had to come through the Commission for the draw down. Luke responded that he does not. There was an old court case that

Motion to adjourn made by Liebert. Seconded by McCormack. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:23.