

WCC MINUTES MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2010

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Present: Andy Fulton, Chairman, Steve Najjar, George Malette & Michael Dahlberg

Guests: Ms. Barb Beers, JSRHS, JSRHS Students: Isaac Winant, Nick Smith, Jason Gagnon, Alex Murchie, Peter Logan, Zach Staley, Chelsea Guinard, Dave Logan, Kaitlyn O'Dowd.

General Public: Shawn Hawkes, Gwen Logam, Heidi Staley, Ryan Young, SPNHF
Mrgaret Watkins, PLC

1. Call to order 7:04 p.m

2. Hawkes Easement. Open @ 7:05 p.m. Closed @ 7:10 p.m.

Andy began by stating that this was a public hearing on the expenditure of additional funds for additional land to be protected under a Conservation Easement. Andy asked for Commission comments, none were offered. Andy asked for public comment, none were offered. Andy closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Steve made the motion to expend \$47,000 with \$3,000 of that amount to be spent on advertising and legal review. George provided the second to the motion. All voted in favor.

3. Margaret Watkins from Piscataquog Land Conservancy (PLC) presented the amended fund request for the Lake Horace Marsh Water Control Structure. Margaret explained that the project had come in under budget and that the Town of Weare portion was to be approximately a third less with the final amount being \$13,450. Margaret further explained that post construction monitoring was going to occur over a 5 year period and that Normandeau Associates had been contracted to perform the monitoring. Discussion ensued amongst the WCC members about the importance of monitoring the marsh as well as the water control structure. Steve spoke of his reluctance for the WCC to contract with Normandeau Associates directly and felt that the PLC should be the contracting agent, all agreed. George made a motion to spend \$13,450 as the WCC contribution to the project. Mike provided the second to the motion. All voted in favor

4. Ms. Barb Beers, Teacher, John Stark Regional High School (JSRHS), and her Environmental Studies Students: Isaac Winant, Nick Smith, Jason Gagnon, Alex Murchie, Peter Logan, Zach Staley, Chelsea Guinard, Dave Logan, Kaitlyn O'Dowd. Ms. Beers has been working with the students in the Eastman Conservation Area to track for the presence of Bobcats within ECA. Ms. Beers made a brief presentation and then the students proceeded with their power point presentation of their tracking project. WCC members had questions for the students regarding certain aspects of their project. Ms. Beers asked the WCC for recommendations for future studies in the ECA. Recommendations were made to conduct additional transects south of the present transects concentrating in areas near the Black Gum Swamp and additional low lying areas and potential transects on the eastern side of the ECA, particularly in the Rattlesnake Hill Area.

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5. Ryan Young, Land Protection Specialist with SPNHF presented two potential projects. The first being the Dale & Barbara Purrington Property on Quaker Street. Ryan explained the project and its relative importance and the potential funding sources and asked if the WCC would be interested in participating financially in the project. Discussion was made by the WCC and concerns about our current financial situation preventing our financial participation at this point in time.

The second project is the Allen Illsley property on Route 77 and Sugar Hill Road South. Allen Illsley has several parcels that he would like to place into a Conservation Easement and one 55 Acre parcel (Map 403 Lot 219) that abuts the existing Town Forest that could be sold in fee to the Town of Weare and added to the Town Forest. Discussion ensued regarding purchasing an option on the 55 acre tract and making a site visit to familiarize the WCC with the property. Ryan spoke about a possible LCHIP grant and inquired as to the WCC participating in the grant process. The WCC expressed their concerns about timing and the current lack of knowledge of the property. The WCC expressed the desire for a site visit. Ryan said he would contact Mr. Illsley and get back to the WCC with a schedule for the site visit. George expressed the possibility of the Weare Agriculture and Heritage Commissions participating in the LCHIP Grant process and the possibility of paying an agent to make the LCHIP grant for the Town of Weare. Andy spoke of his concern about funding and committing the WCC prematurely without knowing the full scope of the project. All agreed to make a site visit and discuss the project at future meetings.

6. Natural Resource Inventory.

Members discussed the current status of the NRI and the individual members suggested Revisions and corrections, etc. It was agreed that due to the late hour that discussion of The revisions should be held at the next WCC meeting on May 12, 2010. The meeting Shall be posted to start at 6:30 p.m. and the first two hours shall be dedicated solely to the NRI in order to complete the revisions of the Draft NRI.

7. Roger Hardy Construction Site Plan

WCC members briefly reviewed the Site Plan submitted. Andy forwarded an e-mail to Chip Meany and Craig Francisco expressing the WCC concerns, Jurisdictional Wetlands, Proposed Leachfield, Lot coverage/impervious area calculations, proposed use (stored materials).

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Steve made a motion to accept as submitted. George provided the second. Andy, Steve & George voted yes. Mike Abstained.

9. Wetlands Bureau Correspondence.

Various notifications per the posted agenda were discussed briefly.

10. Miscellaneous items were discussed by individual members for a few minutes.

11. Mitchell Group and Union Leader Advertising invoices for the Hawkes Easement. Steve made a motion to expend the funds, George Seconded. All voted in favor.

12. Adjournment.

Steve made the motion to adjourn @ 10:12 p.m. George provided the second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. Dahlberg
WCC Member

Cc: Town Clerk's Office
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