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CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MARCH 13, 2013 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:07PM by Chairman Andy Fulton
Andy Fulton, George Malette, Steve Najjar and Wendy Stevens present
There were no guests present

- I. The February 13th minutes were reviewed . Andy made several suggestions on VII a. and V. George made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Wendy seconded. Andy was in favor. Steve abstained. The minutes were approved.
- II. PLANNING BOARD ITEMS
 - a. 401 and 395 River Rd. Burstein/Hardy lot line adjustment was reviewed without comment.
 - b. 56 S. Stark Hwy Houghton lot line adjustment was reviewed, and it was noted that the wetland buffer was not shown.
 - c. 621 B&B Land Map 411 Lot 198, JMC proposed subdivision. It was noted that it was in the Aquifer zone, however does meet the 10% acreage requirements. Andy will send comments to the planning board regarding drainage and advise against abrupt curbing.
- III. Andy submitted the volunteer form for Jeff Jackson to the Board of Selectmen last week.
- IV. ANNUAL MEETING
Per the by-laws, the annual meeting was conducted. Andy volunteered to remain as chair. Steve made a motion to name Andy as Chair, George seconded, all were in favor. Steve volunteered to remain as Vice Chair. George made a motion to name Steve as Vice Chair, Wendy seconded, all were in favor. Wendy volunteered for Secretary, George made a motion to name Wendy as Secretary, Steve seconded, all were in favor. Steve moved to approve the slate, George seconded, all were in favor. The by-laws were reviewed and remained unchanged.
- V. Andy noted a small amount of foot/cross country ski traffic on the Eastman Conservation Area Town Forest. A consensus was gathered that proper uses of the parcel are being practiced, there have been no motor vehicles and the signage is adequate.
- VI. We received the baseline report from Chevy Hill and it will be presented to the BOS on Monday by PLC. Steve made a motion to recommend that the BOS sign the baseline report. George seconded. All were in favor.
- VII. The web site was reviewed and it was discussed that the entire town site is down until further notice so the commission will continue work while the town repairs the site.
- VIII. The timber harvest at Felch Farm is still active. Tim Redmond was hoping for some tree thinning to the east of the garage. We will have our forester contact Tim.
- IX. The laptop has died. The commission needs a new laptop, some form of backup, and a maintenance plan. The commission will discuss best options with Jeff Jackson. Steve made a motion for up to \$2,000 for a laptop from the Conservation Fund. George seconded the motion. George mentioned the

backup is very important. All were in favor.

- X. Article 24 passed 900 Yes/424 No. \$20,000 was approved for the Town Forest Account. Steve made a motion to approve and expend \$4,920 for a forest management plan for the Wood Family Forest and \$2,840 for blazing, signing and painting of the boundary line of the Wood Family Forest. George seconded. All were in favor. Steve mentioned our Town Forester is tentatively scheduled to attend the April meeting. Steve mentioned sending a note to BOS to let them know Jeremy will be at the April meeting in case they would like to attend. Steve mentioned a \$2,200 quote from Jeremy for a heavy duty gate, and we have needs for gates at Ferrin, Felch, and Eastman. The budget was considered and Wendy suggested perhaps Eastman gates could be delayed and expended in future years as there is currently no vehicle activity and signage is adequate.
- XI. Andy will follow up with NH Fish & Game to find out who the land agent is for Ferrin Pond and discuss ownership of the road to Ferrin Pond in order to work on gating access to the pond. Steve reviewed the plats and sees DES as owner of road to Ferrin Pond. Andy asked about inviting Delane Brown to the next meeting. Steve will get in touch with Delane. Vehicle policing was discussed, Andy stated that Delane is really the person who needs to enforce that, and that he is there at some frequency. Andy noted that DES jurisdiction is outside of a Class VI Rd. unless its an atv on the Class VI Rd.
- XII. DOT notification on Concord Stage Rd. was noted.
- XIII. Town vote results were discussed and the approval of Article 24, 25 and 29.
- XIV. Funds are available for training purposes. Andy and Wendy are interested in attending April 6th Saving Special Places.
- XV. George presented the group with several large scale maps from Ingram, from our Natural Resource Inventory and we selected a map to be prepared for the town building, for the Board of Selectman to place in the building. George wants to let John Ciampi know when the map is hung. Steve will email the name of a company who provides laminating surfaces.

George made a motion to adjourn at 9:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy J. Stevens