

Conservation Commission Minutes for October 28, 2015

Present: Jim Barker, Chairman, Dale Rook, Steve Wilkie, Corey Fitch, Deanna Fitch, Jenny Schad, John Hammond

Guest: Heidi Jaarsma, Town Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Jim Barker, Chair

A motion to approve the Sept. 23rd minutes was made by Dale and seconded by Steve. The minutes were approved as presented.

Heidi Jaarsma, Town Treasurer gave the Commission a YTD budget report. There is currently \$114,563.81 in the Conservation Fund, \$6,909.69 in the CREA Dev. Fund, \$14,611.59 in the Palmer Fund and \$2,459.05 in the Bunny Barker Fund. No land has been taken out of current use so far this year so the Commission should expect no contribution from the tax to the Conservation Fund in 2016.

Motion made by Jenny and seconded by Bill to add an additional \$5,000 from the Conservation Fund to the current CD at Claremont Savings Bank and an additional \$3,000 into the Palmer Fund CD. Motion passed.

Jim reported that Rickey, Jim, Dale and Jenny walked both Mayette properties on 9/24. They were joined by Brian Mayette. This completes our monitoring for the year.

The open Appointed Position and the open Treasurer position on the Commission were discussed. Jenny Schad had volunteered to fill the open Appointed position but not the Treasurer position and Frank Parks had also offered to return to an Appointed position. The role of the Treasurer was also discussed. Dale made the motion, seconded by Steve to elect Jen Schad to the open Appointed position. Motion passed. Steve made the motion, seconded by Jenny to elect Corey Fitch to the Treasurer position. Motion passed. Rickey made the comment she was willing to return to an Alternate position if Frank wished to be an Appointed member again. The discussion also included possible new members to fill the open Alternate position.

Jim asked if anyone was planning on attending the NHACC annual meeting this year. No one is.

Jim mentioned that the Upper Valley Land Trust was organizing a hike on the recently conserved Lipfert property off 12A and into the Town forest at 10:00 AM on 11/7.

Group was reminded that the November, and Dec. meetings will be held one week earlier. Nov. meeting is on the 18th and the Dec. meeting on the 15th.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dale, seconded by Corey. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Bill Gallagher, Vice Chair