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Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2018

6:00 PM

Members in Attendance: Karen Golab, Virginia Long Alt, Steve Panish, Wayne Sylvester Alt., Cynthia Wyatt Also in attendance Dana Crossley Land Use Clerk

Excused Members: Paul Blanc

Public Attendance:

Chairman Wyatt called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

V. Long and W. Sylvester were brought to the board as full voting members.

Public Input: None

Approval of Minutes: April 9, 2018 meeting minutes, S. Panish motions to approve, K. Golab seconds the motion (V. Long abstained) All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss Monitoring Reports: Chairman Wyatt reported she reviewed the reports and they are good reports, but noticed there is no owner names. V. Long suggested that the monitoring agent contact the conservation easement owners beforehand, it is good public relations. Chairman Wyatt asked D. Crossley to add the owner's information to the monitoring reports. Board discussed informing abutters of when the easement will be monitored, some members would like to attend the monitor sessions of particular properties. Chairman Wyatt will review with Chris Kane on a process. Nothing major to report from the monitoring reports.

Discuss Renewal of Chris Kane 2018 Monitoring Contract: Chairman Wyatt reported that he had not submitted a contract yet, but Chairman Wyatt has spoken with him about a few ambiguous lines, Ball property needs to be marked better, discussion on an additional \$1,000 to add to the contract for establishing boundaries and other misc. tasks. Discussed the fees for monitoring in 2017 and boundary signs, talked about doing the fee properties every other year. Board made the determination that boundaries need to be marked more, get more signage up to prevent from easement encroachment. S. Panish moves to pay \$1,640 easement properties and 920 for the fee properties with an additional \$1,000 for marking boundaries from the Conservation Monitoring Fund. K. Golab seconds the motion, all in favor motion carried.

Casey Road Land Protection Committee Update:

- *Review MMRG Memorandum of Understanding:* V. Long spoke with Patti Burns of MMRG in regards to, what type of fundraising they will host (Chairman Wyatt noted she felt they should do something on the property) The proposed budget asks for the local appeal to fundraise \$13,000. Chairman Wyatt noted that MMRG is looking for a mailing list. V. Long informed the board that Patti has volunteered to attend one of the sub-

committee meetings, board was in favor of that. Board noted minor corrections. S. Panish questioned the appraisal, V. Long replied that it was actually not needed since they were not going for an LCHIP grant. Once the changes from MMRG are done again the document will be sent to the Town Administrator.

- *Letter to Liberty Circle property owners re: 5.5 acre open space area:* Has been sent to Assessing, Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen, Ryan responded that he has no issues but will discuss with board at next meeting.

Rookery Road Encroachment Status Update: The packet has been mailed to Terry Knowles as of last week. Discussed following up in two weeks to see the status.

Encroachment Updates: S. Panish reported there has been progress, Stoney Ridge Environmental has been contacted by the two home owners, and has begun working with the properties. Discussed the process of setting up the Escrows and having Stoney Ridge Environmental filter the bills through the Town to ensure the work and bills have been paid. S. Panish explained they need to get a copy of the plan with the estimate. D. Crossley will work with the Town Treasurer on the escrow process.

Potential Conservation Projects: *Old Ski Area, Payne/Jones Brook Park-* Tabled.

Treasurer's Report: S. Panish reported there is not any report at this time, but there has not been any changes have roughly \$125,000 in all three accounts.

Nonpublic Session RSA 91-A:3 II(c): Not entered.

Other Business: Chairman Wyatt reported that the Town Planner Bruce Woodruff had sent out an RFQ for the GIS system, two bids have come in and he has reached out to many department members to review and asked members to review the documents.

Chairman Wyatt informed the board that Bruce Woodruff also reached out to the CC to see if they had any Capital Improvement Projects, board was in agreeance that it would be good to have a beautification of properties.

SELT sent a letter to the board to remind the board to send the 2018 Current monitoring report in 2019.

V. Long questioned if the board was interested in reaching out to Johnathan Nute to see if he has an interest in becoming a member of the board.

K. Golab motions to adjourn, W. Sylvester seconds the motion all in favor meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Crossley
Land Use Clerk