

Conservation Commission Minutes

2/12/2018

Attending: Cynthia Wyatt, Paul Blanc, Karen Golab, Wayne Sylvester, Steve Panish acting as secretary

Meeting called to order at 6:05 by Cyn W

CC Meeting Minutes approved:

12/11/2017 Non-public minutes, KG moves to approve, Steve seconds, PB abstains, all others in favor

1/18/2018 KG moves to approve, WS second, PB abstains, all others in favor

1/8/2018 Non-public minutes, WS moves to approve, KG seconds, PB abstains, all others in favor

KG reports on the town Deliberative Session, the Casey Rd warrant article was approved, the only public comments concerned hunting, which Virginia Long pointed out was not part of the easement but would be up to the town.

PB reports on the Houser/Rookery Rd. situation. The Housers are OK with the alternate plan for modifying the easement boundaries, but do not want to pay for the survey work. SP pointed out that the CC was going to pay for that, so PB can convey that to the Housers and produce the agreement document and map and get them to sign it so the CC can submit to the AG office.

Encroachment updates: No updates received from the Johnsons or the Lakes. We need to review Chris Kane's monitoring reports to see if the other minor encroachments (such as the house with dog waste on the public water supply lot) have been remedied.

We need to 1) ask Kane to alert us to any issues he finds, and 2) Dana should forward the reports to the committee.

Gravel pit expansion permit: PB reviewed the application from G. Zerbick, said all appeared to be in order, except there should be a note that they need to file a report every 5 years. Good: they have a section on invasive species. Cyn asked about restoration of the old pit, PB told her what is generally done, jute/seed mat on slopes, seeding of the level areas.

KG reports that the Groundwater Protection Ordinance update was well received at the Deliberative session.

Casey Rd project: The 7 owners of houses in the subdivision each own a 1/12 interest in the common conservation area, but have never contributed to the stated requirement to support monitoring costs. According to the town attorney, the town doesn't have the right to take the interest for lack of payment, but can ask for the interest. So we can send them a letter casting their "giving up" their interest in a good light, in that they would then have no chance of a claim of liability if something happens to a person using that area. But, it is a legal mess, since no homeowner's association was ever formed as

was supposed to be done. Likely not worth the effort of the CC to resolve just to add the small acreage to the larger conservation project.

Treasurer's Report: We still have about \$120K in the CF.

CC Bills: KG moves to approve payment of bills from W. Mitchell for \$210 and \$84. PB seconds.
Unanimous vote to approve.

W. Sylvester motion to adjourn, K. Golab seconds the motion all in favor meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Submitted: Steve Panish