

**MADISON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES
DECEMBER 1, 2016
REGULAR MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marcia McKenna-Vice Chair, Nancy Devine, Ralph Lutjen, Ted Slader, Josh Shackford – Selectmen Rep,

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Marc Ohlson & Robbin Rancourt – alternate

OTHERS PRESENT: Colleen King – Land Use Administrator

MEETING POSTED: 11/16/2016 at Town Hall (upper & lower levels), Madison Post Office, and Silver Lake Post Office

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. McKenna called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The November 3, 2016 minutes were reviewed and edits made. Mr. Lutjen motioned to approve as amended; Mr. Slader seconded. All approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NON-PUBLIC Per RSA 91-A:3 II L Motion Made by Mr. Lutjen and seconded by Mr. Slader to enter Non-Public session.

Roll call vote taken: Mr. Shackford-Yes
Mr. Slader-Yes
Ms. McKenna-Yes
Mr. Lutjen-Yes
Ms. Devine-Yes

Mrs. Boyd of Madison TV stopped recording and left the meeting room.
The Non-Public Session began at 7:10pm

A Motion to adjourn the Non-Public session made by Mr. Lutjen and seconded by Mr. Slader.

Roll Call vote taken: Mr. Shackford-Yes
Mr. Slader-Yes
Ms. McKenna-Yes
Mr. Lutjen-Yes
Ms. Devine-Yes

Mrs. Boyd of Madison TV returned to the meeting room and started recording.
The Public Meeting resumed at 7:32pm.

Ms. McKenna reported that a Motion was made and seconded in the Non-Public Session, with a unanimous roll call vote to make another site visit with the Forester to the town property in the abutting the Veilleux' property in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS & CONTINUING PROJECTS

A. WILLIAM BARCLAY LAND DONATION – Mrs. King will discuss at next meeting.

B. FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANS - Ms. McKenna stated that there are 2 issues which need Motions to appropriate funds: 1) Bid for the Lead Mine Clean-up and 2) the re-blazing of 4 areas identified in the Forestry Management Plan.

1) **Lead Mine Clean-up** – A quote \$5200.00 was received from Tim Nolan to clean up the blow down in this area. No trails were impacted but it needs to be cleaned up. The Road Agent agreed that \$5200.00 was a reasonable quote. It is better to do this type of work in the winter.

MOTION: Ms Devine made a Motion to appropriate up to \$5200.00 from the Forestry Account for Tim Nolan to clean up the Lead Mine storm damage. Mr. Lutjen seconded. **Approved 5-0.**

2) **Boundary Lines Re-Blazed** - There are 4 areas which need trails re-blazed: West Shore Road, Everett Parker Lot, Ward Lot and Blair's Location. Tim Nolan has the time now and will do the work at his contracted hourly rate of \$65.00.

MOTION: Mr. Lutjen made a Motion to appropriate funds of \$65.00 an hour to re-blaze the four areas: West Shore Road, Everett Parker Lot, Ward Lot and Blair's Location. Ms. Devine seconded. **Approved 5-0.**

OLD BUSINESS & CONTINUING PROJECTS:

WILLIAM BARCLAY LAND DONATION – Mr. Young was working on this prior to his departure. Mr. Shackford stated that the Town was giving Mr. Barclay the opportunity to get his own appraisal on the land. Mrs. King will search the Conservation files and report back at the next meeting.

FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANS–

Ms. McKenna stated that there a 2 money issues which need to be decided on tonight to appropriate funds: 1) Wind damage on Lead Mine and 2) Boundary markers on the perimeter of the Goodwin Town Forest, Everett Parker Forest, Ward Lot Forest and Blair's Location.

1. Wind Damage on Lead Mine - A quote of \$5200.00 was received from Tim Nolan to clean up the wind damage on the town property around Lead Mine After some discussion, it was decided that although none of the trails were impacted by the storm blow down, the area needs attention. Mr. Shackford had been to the area and agreed that it needs cleaning up. Ms. Devine asked for confirmation that the trees would be cut up and hauled away. Ms. McKenna and Mr. Shackford agreed that the trees would be cut and hauled off property. The Road Agent received quotes for the Lead Mine clean-up and thought that the \$5200.00 quote was reasonable. Ms. Devine inquired where would the money come from. Ms. McKenna and Mr. Shackford agreed that the funds would come from the Forest Management Account and that the winter is the best time to cut the trees. Ms. Devine asked about the Town's bid policy and the dollar limits. Mr. Shackford confirmed that the Town does have a 3 bid policy for work over \$10,000.00.

MOTION - Ms. McKenna made a Motion to appropriate up to \$5200.00 from the Forest Management Account to clean up the area on Lead Mine caused by the storm blow down and Tim Nolan will perform the work. Motion seconded by Mr. Lutjen; all in favor.

2. Blazing of the boundary lines of the Goodwin Town Forest, Everett Parker Forest, Ward Lot Forest and Blair's Location

These boundary lines need to be marked as recommended in the Forest Management Plan. Tim Nolan has the time now to do the work and his hourly rate. Mr. Slader confirmed that the hourly rate is \$65.00, as stated in the December 3, 2015 agreement. Tim Nolan will bill the town after each area is completed.

MOTION - Mr. Slader made a Motion to appropriate \$65.00 per hour for Tim Nolan to re-blaze the boundary lines of the Goodwin Town Forest, Everett Parker Forest, Ward Lot Forest and Blair's Location; Ms. Devine seconded. All in favor; Motion passed

Ward Lot Forest– On June 27, 2106, Mr. Slader put up the wooden markers made by Dr. Riss and now the trail is properly marked. This item can be removed from the next agenda. The partnering with the Madison Elementary school is on hold until spring 2017.

Blair's Location– Ms. McKenna asked for clarification of the riparian zone. Mr. Lutjen stated that it is basically for signage that was needed to identify the area. This area is hard to get to and access is through the Coleman property. This should be kept on future agendas. The wood duck boxes are a spring 2017 project.

B & M Lots– Deed restrictions on the Currier property
Ms. McKenna explained that there is no formal wording regarding the ROW; it is verbal understanding. Mr. Rancourt is working on pursuing a deed. This should stay on future agendas.

NEW BUSINESS

Veilleux Tree Removal -

Tree Removal near Veilleux property - Mr. Slader showed his copy of a sketch which was not-to-scale that was dated May 19, 2016. The plan is for Tim Nolan and Mr. Shackford to visit the town property in the near future and identify the tree which need attention.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT- None

PLANNING BOARD REPORT- None

ADMINISTRATION & CORRESPONDENCE - Ms. McKenna stated that there is an Annual Conservation Commission Conference in Concord in May and usually the Administrator attends. She then asked Mrs. King if she would attend this conference. Mrs. King said she would attend. The registration fee is already allocated in the Conservation budget.

ADJOURNMENT- Mr. Lutjen made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Slader.
The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen King
Land Use Boards Administrative Assistant

NOTE: These minutes were approved at the January 5, 2017 meeting.