

Madison Conservation Commission
Approved Minutes
January 5, 2017

Members Present- Marcia McKenna-Vice-Chair, Marc Ohlson, Nancy Devine, Robbin Rancourt-Alternate, Josh Shackford-BOS Rep

Members Excused- Ralph Lutjen, Ted Slader
Others Present- None

Meeting Posted- 12/15/16 at Madison Town Hall upper & lower levels, Madison and Silver Lake PO

Call To Order - Ms. McKenna called the meeting to order at 7pm. and requested that Alternate Robbin Rancourt be elevated to a regular member for tonight's meeting. Mr. Shackford made the Motion and Ms. Devine seconded it; all in favor.

Ms. McKenna acknowledged the resignation of Dr. David Riss from the Conservation Commission and thanked him for his many years of service to the Town. Mr. Ohlson suggested that Dr. Riss' extensive contribution, enthusiasm and dedication over the years be mentioned in the Town Report. All agreed that Dr. Riss will be missed very much.

Approval of the Minutes- The December 1, 2016 Draft Minutes were reviewed and edits made. Ms. Devine made a Motion to approve the minutes as amended and Mr. Shackford seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Public Comment- None

Old Business

William Barclay Land Donation- Mr. Rancourt asked if the Town got their own appraisal for this land donation. Mr. Shackford reported that Mr. Barclay wanted his own appraisal for tax purposes. Once the appraisal s completed, the Town attorney can write up a deed and there needs to be an general agreement on the appraised value.

B&M Lots - Mr. Rancourt agreed to discuss with Tom Carrier and pursue a formal ROW deed over their land.

Trees near Veilleux property- Mr. Shackford spoke to Tim Nolan and they are planning a site visit within the next two weeks. Mr. Ohlson expressed an interest in joining them. There are 2 dead trees on the Town land which should be taken down and 3 poplar trees which are not dead but are leaning and should also be removed. Mr. Shackford stated that this is not an emergency situation but should be addressed and the letter of the law needs to be followed. The monies will come from the Conservation budget The State statute says that the Town must do Due Diligence and Madison is doing just that. The Town has received legal counsel and now is solidifying professional review of the trees in question. There should hopefully be a resolution on this matter

before the February meeting. There was discussion about appropriating the funds upfront. Mr. Rancourt stated that he would rather not give out the \$ amount ahead of time. Ms. Devine stated that a visit by Mr. Shackford and Mr. Nolan needs to happen first and a determination made as to which trees need to come down.

Motion- Mr. Ohlson made a motion to wait until they have all the information from the site visit of Mr. Shackford and Mr. Nolan and then appropriate the funds. Mr. Shackford seconded. Vote 4-1; Ms. McKenna voted in opposition. Motion passed.

New Business

There was a general discussion of potential conservation land in town.

Ms. McKenna reminded the members that there will be an election of new officers in February and then they will be sworn-in in March.

Mr. Ohlson suggested putting out a call for new members.

Selectmen's Report- None

Planning Board Report- Mr. Ohlson reported that there was a 4 lot sub-division was approved as presented at last night's meeting (Jan 3) on 38 Boulder Road. Also the Planning Board is reviewing the State Law on Accessory Dwelling Units and how the Madison Zoning Ordinance will reflect it.

Administration- None

Adjournment- Mr. Shackford made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Devine. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen King
Land Use Boards Administrator

These minutes were approved at the February 2, 2017 meeting.