

MADISON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

December 3, 2015

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Nancy Devine, Ralph Lutjen, Marc Ohlson, David Riss – Chair, Josh Shackford – Selectmen, and Rep Ted Slader–alternate

Members Not Present: Marcia McKenna, and Robbin Rancourt – alternate

Others Present: Chris Young – Land Use Board Administrative Assistant

Meeting Posted: 4/29/2015 at Madison Town Hall, Madison Post Office, and Silver Lake Post Office

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Riss called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The 11/5/15 and 11/24/15 minutes were approved as written.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
4. **OLD BUSINESS & CONTINUING PROJECTS:**
 - a) **Report of 11/25/15 meeting** – Dr. Riss gave an account of what happened in the meeting on November 24 for those who were not there and the TV audience. Dr. Riss recounted the correspondence from Nels Liljedahl from NRCS, Jeff Lougee from TNC, and Rick Jones the mowing contractor and how the mowing project had been expanded to include much more of the third section. This is in hopes that a burn can take place in April before the WHIP contract expires. This means that the mowing project for this fall would increase from the \$7,993 original estimate to \$17,500. This had been approved at the November 24 meeting and the Selectmen approved everything on December 1.
 - b) **Tim Nolan's Contract Proposal and Proposal for updating Forest Management Plans:** Mr. Nolan submitted a contract for a retainer fee of \$65/hr to be a consultant. This would entail attending two meetings per year to address management activities and projects the Conservation Commission comes up with. This was approved by the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Nolan proposed updating the Forestry Management Plans for the town properties as many of them are 20 years old or older. These properties include; Blair's Location, Transfer Station Lots, Goodwin/Burke Forest, Gage Lot, Wold Lot, and Ward Lot. Along with updated management plans, GIS maps of the properties would also be provided. The estimated cost of this would be \$10,499. Mr. Ohlson suggested that it might be worth prioritizing lots as some of them have just recently been worked on such as the Goodwin Forest and would not need attention for at least 30 years. Dr. Riss thought it would be worth just going ahead and doing them. Mr. Shackford suggested that the new parcel that is being donated from Mr. Barclay might also take priority as it probably never had a management plan. Mr. Olson moved to support the management proposal and encourage FLI to present a work agreement and a timeline. The motion passed.

- c) **William Barclay Land Donation** – Mr. Young reported that he had made contact with Linda Comeau at Upper Saco Valley Land Trust and asked about who they use for appraisals and title searches. The response was an email describing that if the owner was seeking a tax deduction, the town could not pay for the appraisal. No name was given for who could do a title search. Mr. Young will follow up on this and send the information on to Mr. Barclay.

5. TOWN CONSERVATION LANDS: No reports

6. NEW BUSINESS: None

7. SELECTMEN'S REPORT: Budget Committee met last week and reviewed the Fire Department and SWAC proposed budgets. The town is 90 percent through the year and spent 81 percent of the budget.

8. PLANNING BOARD REPORT: The MWV Regional Collaborative made a presentation report concerned with affordable housing and economic diversification. The Planning Board discussed the regulations and felt they were doing pretty good.

9. FRIEND'S OF MADISON BOULDER: Nothing new.

10. ADMINISTRATION & CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing. There was a discussion on what more the Conservation Commission could do.

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

The next Regular Meeting is January 7, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Young
Land Use Boards Administrative Assistant
Minutes Approved: January 7, 2016
Corrections: