

MADISON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

October 6, 2011

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Marcia McKenna, Marc Ohlson, David Riss – Chair, and Josh Shackford

Members Not Present: Ralph Lutjen

Others Present: Torin LaLiberte, Mrs. LaLiberte, Ted Slader

Meeting Agenda Posted: 09/21/11 at Madison Town Hall, Madison Post Office, and Silver Lake Post Office

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Riss called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Ohlson moved, seconded by Ms. McKenna, to approve the minutes of September 8, 2011 as presented. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Torin was in attendance to present plans for his Eagle Scout project to rejuvenate the nature trail on the Ward property. He explained the work needed to make the trail more usable, make the trailhead area more visible, and place signage along the trail. The Commission offered financial assistance for signage and for tree removal consultation with Robbin Rancourt. It was agreed that chain saws would be used by adults only. The Commission was in favor of the project and requested Torin to fill out the Commission's Advisory Worksheet for submission by the Commission to the Board of Selectmen for their approval. Mr. Ohlson moved, seconded by Ms. McKenna, to approve up to \$100 for materials and up to \$200 for Robbin Rancourt's time for assistance with the project to be funded from the Conservation Account. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS & CONTINUING PROJECTS:

Goodwin & Burke Forests – TNC contract for 2012/2014/2016 burn with Jeff Lougee:
This item is on-going.

Goodwin & Burke Forests – trail access and parking area: After review with the Board of Selectmen, the Commission agreed that they will withdraw the proposed plan to create a parking area and move forward with the alternate trail access.

Malcolm P. McNair Easement – trail connector: Dr. Riss provided pictures of the sample walkway that was constructed. Once the area has had a freeze, the walkway will be placed long enough so that pictures of the overall impact can be provided to DES.

Conservation Property Status: Ms. Huff briefly reviewed the status for Mr. Shackford. He will talk with the Selectmen to determine the next steps and report back to the Commission.

Wold Maintenance – wildlife clearings and trail clean-up: No action at this time; this item will remain on the agenda as a reminder to schedule the work.

Old Home Week Events: Ms. Huff will contact the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center for possible wildlife talks.

TOWN CONSERVATION REPORT: The list of properties, sample monitoring reports, and a procedure for monitoring will be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. McKenna reported that it appears that a large quantity of weed killer chemicals was used on a property on the corner of Routes 41 and 113 on the banks of the brook which empties

into Silver Lake. She contacted the Code Enforcement Officer who advised her that he has no jurisdiction and to contact DES, which she did. There was general discussion relative to the Commission's jurisdiction; it was agreed that as an advisory board to the Selectmen, the Commission should inform the Selectmen of the possible contamination.

The farm abutting the Ward parcel has been placed on the market. Dr. Riss will contact the current owner and provide information relative to charitable donations for easement property.

Town Administrator Melissa Arias requested review of a proposal to replace the Burke Field sign. The Commission agreed that although they have no jurisdiction, they appreciate the attempt to replicate the existing sign.

SELECTMAN'S REPORT: Mr. Shackford had nothing of significance to report. He apologized that his summer schedule had been busy and interfered with his Commission attendance.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: A preliminary subdivision application was reviewed.

BOULDER COMMISSION REPORT: The deeds are ready to be signed. Almost \$2,500 has been raised through private donations to do the road maintenance agreed upon between the state and the town.

CORRESPONDENCE: Ms. Huff provided information on the annual NH Association of Conservation Commission meeting and workshops.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Ms. McKenna moved, seconded by Mr. Ohlson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 P.M. Motion passed.

The next Regular Meeting is November 3, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy J. Huff
Administrative Assistant
Minutes Approved: November 3, 2011
Corrections: none