

# MADISON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

September 3, 2015

Regular Meeting

Members Present: Nancy Devine, Ralph Lutjen, Marcia McKenna, Marc Ohlson, Robbin Rancourt- alternate, and David Riss – Chair

Members Not Present: Josh Shackford – Selectmen Rep and Ted Slader–alternate

Others Present: Chris Young – Land Use Board Administrative Assistant

Meeting Posted: 8/26/2015 at Madison Town Hall, Madison Post Office, and Silver Lake Post Office

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Riss called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The 7/2/15 minutes were approved as written.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None. Mr. Rancourt was elevated to voting status on the commission for the meeting.
4. **OLD BUSINESS & CONTINUING PROJECTS:**
  - a) **Parking Area improvement proposal from Highway Dept.** – The proposal from the highway department was approved.
  - b) **Tim Nolin's Contract** – Mr. Rancourt informed the commission that Mr. Nolin was running behind schedule with work and hopes to make it for the October meeting.
  - c) **Report on "Old Home" week** – Dr. Riss reported that the Raptor talk went well. There were about 30 people in attendance. Animals, especially ones that can be touched, seem to draw the best crowds. Mr. Ohlson reported that the new trail was good. The usual people that hike with him for this event showed up.
  - d) **Approve additional funds for mowing and signs** – Dr. Riss brought up that the mowing of the parking areas had been more than they expected. The commission had previously approved \$500, but the total cost had come in at \$630. \$500 had been paid, but the commission needs to approve an additional \$130 to make up the difference. Ms. Devine moved, seconded by Mr. Ohlson, to pay Forest Land Improvements \$130 out of the Forest Maintenance account.

The signs which Dr. Riss had ordered had also come out to more than the \$125 that was approved. The total came out to be \$128. Mr. Lutjen moved, seconded by Ms. Devine, to pay the \$128.10 for the signs out of the Forest Maintenance account.

Dr. Riss also spent some money buying posts for the new signs and some hardware to put them up. He estimated the cost of materials to be around \$120. Ms. Devine moved, seconded by Mr. Lutjen, to approve \$120 for materials from the Forest Maintenance account.

e) **Goodwin Forest Burn Project** – Dr. Riss gave a summary of conversations with Jeff Lougee from the TNC and Nels Liljedahl from NRCS concerning the burn. Mr. Liljedahl was doubtful that the WHIP contract could be extended another year. Mr. Lougee was still hopeful that a burn might still take place this fall and had suggested mowing in preparation for one. Rick Jones Associates from Maine would probably do the mowing. It was decided to approve some money in case mowing was needed to be done before the next meeting. Mr. Ohlson moved, seconded by Mr. Lutjen, to approve \$5000 for mowing in preparation for a burn. The motion passed.

5. **TOWN CONSERVATION LANDS:** Mr. Rancourt had a concern as the Currier property which provided access to town land was being sold. This prompted much discussion as to how to proceed. Mr. Rancourt will continue to try and reach the real estate agent as well as the owners.
6. **NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. William Barclay has approached the Conservation Commission with an offer to donate a 10 acre parcel to the town. This prompted discussion. It was decided that there was not enough information to make a decision. If Mr. Barclay could come to the next meeting or a meeting could be arranged then perhaps questions could be answered.
7. **SELECTMEN'S REPORT:** none
8. **PLANNING BOARD REPORT:** The Planning Board met for 35 minutes to discuss a Boundary Line Adjustment and the CIP.
9. **FRIEND'S OF MADISON BOULDER:** The road has been improved, gate closed, kiosk partially completed, and one more kiosk is still to be built. Dr. Riss showed the group pictures he had taken of the project.
10. **ADMINISTRATION & CORRESPONDENCE:** GMCG submitted their bill for water testing. Mr. Ohlson moved, seconded by Ms. Devine, to pay the water testing bill. The motion passed.

Mr. Rancourt brought up a concern that someone had mentioned to him that the boundary lines of the Gage Lot were not correct.

Some discussion was also had about purchasing the Perkins Property which is for sale opposite Durgin Pond.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

The next Regular Meeting is October 1, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Young  
Land Use Boards Administrative Assistant  
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Corrections: