

# MADISON BOULDER ADVISORY COMMISSION

Minutes

November 3, 2011

Members Present: Brian Fowler - Chair, Ralph Lutjen, Marc Ohlson, and David Riss

Members Not Present: Josh Shackford

Others Present: Bill Carpenter – Administrator of Land Management Bureau for the Division of Forests and Lands, Kevin Donovan – Regional Supervisor for the Division of Parks and Recreation

Meeting Agenda Posted: 10/26/11 at Madison Town Hall, Madison Post Office, and Silver Lake Post Office

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Fowler called the Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. He explained that the Commission was appointed by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of managing items related to the Madison Boulder and the access road.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dr. Riss moved, seconded by Mr. Lutjen, to approve the minutes of May 5, 2011 as presented. Motion passed.

## **BOARD DISCUSSION & DELIBERATION:**

Mr. Carpenter complimented the Commission, the Board of Selectmen, and the Gerry heirs for their contributions working through a difficult and confusing time. Mr. Carpenter worked closely with Leon Gerry to develop a quit-claim deed which will convey the road from the town and the Gerry heirs to the State of NH with four conditions, enabling the State and Board of Selectmen to protect the road and the Boulder for the enjoyment of all. Mr. Fowler noted that the deed will ensure that all rights associated with the road will be transferred to the State.

Mr. Donovan stated that once the conveyance is approved by town meeting, some form of a local citizens group, "Friends of the Madison Boulder," should be formed to continue the work of the Commission. The State is ready to incorporate the Madison Boulder into the Parks system.

Mr. Fowler reported that there is currently \$2,285 in the Madison Boulder Maintenance and Improvement Fund. With the help of a National Parks Service representative, he has also applied for a grant of up to \$6,500. These funds will be used for road improvements. There was brief discussion relative to transferring the funds to a Friends group once the deed is finalized. It was clarified that this group would obtain tax exempt status and be responsible for filing appropriate forms with the State and IRS.

Wednesday, November 16, at 9:00 A.M. was agreed upon for a site meeting to discuss potential road improvements with Buzz Coleman. All agreed that if Mr. Coleman was available to do the work this fall, it should be done. There was concern about doing work prior to finalization of the deed, but Mr. Carpenter assured the Commission that the Gerry heirs have signed the deed in the spirit and intent that work will go forward. Everyone agreed that abutters and other interested parties should be notified of the site meeting.

Mr. Carpenter clarified that the road could be closed for weather and seasonally, as well as from sunset to sunrise. The Parks division will store the signs for the winter. Mr. Fowler reported that Rick Corman is the new State Geologist.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** none

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Riss moved, seconded by Mr. Ohlson, to adjourn the meeting 7:05 P.M. Motion passed.

The next Regular Meeting is **December 1**, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Huff

Administrative Assistant

Minutes Approved: not yet approved

Corrections: