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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2019**

Members Present: Marcia McKenna, Ralph Lutjen, Emily Bass, Ted Slader, Selectman Josh Shackford

Members Excused: Marc Ohlson and Nancy Devine

Others Present: Lauren Hawkins and Jeremy Fullerton

Meeting Posted: January 31, 2019 at Town Hall (upper and lower levels), and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices.

Call to Order: Ms. McKenna called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Approval of Minutes: There were two sets of draft minutes for approval. The December 6, 2018 Draft Minutes were reviewed with no edits. Ms. Bass made a Motion to Approve the minutes as written; Mr. Slader seconded. All Approved.

The January 3, 2019 Draft Minutes were reviewed with no edits. Mr. Slader made a Motion to Approve the minutes as written; Mr. Lutjen seconded. All Approved.

Public Comment: Ms. McKenna opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Ms. Lauren Hawkins explained that they had recently purchased a 2-acre parcel adjacent to the Wold Property in the Deer Trot Homeowners Association. This parcel was previously owned by the Iversons, who had come before the Commission last year regarding their use of the ROW and all the approvals for the ROW over Conservation land. They want to clear part of their land to build a house and the loggers need an area to use as a landing. The existing ROW is stated in their Deed for use as a driveway with no development allowed and no off-roading vehicles. Their intention is to have the logging done before spring and are requesting permission to use the ROW as the landing for the loggers. This would also require a stone wall to be moved in order to use the ROW as their driveway. Once the logging was finished, the landing would be restored.

Ms. McKenna read aloud and reviewed the restrictions of the Wold property and the ROW for the surrounding properties. Ms. McKenna recalled the previous discussions with the Iversons about the ROW having less of an environmental impact on the land. Mr. Lutjen remembered this discussion and agreed with the Commission's previous position. Ms. McKenna clarified with Mr. Fullerton that they have 2 requests: 1) to use the ROW as a landing for the logging trucks and 2) to continue to use the ROW as a driveway. Ms. Bass interjected that the request is really for the movement of the 3 large boulders in order to continue to use the ROW as their driveway. Ms. McKenna reminded them that this ROW is open to public use and that although the large boulders need to be moved for their driveway, the boulders need to be replaced as close to the driveway as possible.

Mr. Lutjen made a MOTION to APPROVE their use of the ROW for a landing area for the loggers this spring for a temporary basis. The Conservation Commission also reserves the right to inspect the area to insure compliance. Ms. Bass seconded; All Approved.

Mr. Lutjen made a MOTION to APPROVE the movement of the rocks and that they will be relocated to a point that does not interfere with the driveway but in close proximity to where they are and reserve the right to inspect as needed. Mr. Slader seconded. All Approved.

Hearing no other public comment, Ms. McKenna closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Old Business:

Freedom Town Line Update: Selectman Shackford reported that there is a new proposal for a \$50K Bond and he wants to discuss this with Forester Tim Nolan. Hopefully this will be discussed at the next meeting along with the Forest Management Plan.

B&M Lots: For March discussion

Barclay Property Sign: For March discussion

New Business:

1. McNair land: Ms. McKenna wanted to discuss the remaining land that may be available for purchase. Ms. McKenna wants to review the boundary line adjustment plans which was recently approved with Planning Board at the next meeting.

2. Budget Hearing: The \$5K warrant article was discussed. It may be a difficult year to ask for this.

3. Trail Maps: Mr. Slader presented the printing of the maps last summer and the supply is almost exhausted. There is a need for more maps being printed with a change in the word 'handicapped' for 'accessible'. The proposed wording is 'A new accessible trail is now open, starting at the kiosk, one mile each way'. Another proposal is 'Starting at the kiosk, two miles round trip'. Ms. McKenna asked what wording The Nature Conservancy might use. Ms. Bass suggested describing the trail as 'two miles, out and back'.

Mr. Slader presented a pricing of the maps. Although Minuteman Press has all the information, the cost was \$.84 for each map last summer. The UPS store price is \$.20 per map for qty of 1000. Mr. Lutjen asked if the paper weight is the same. There was no mention of a set-up price.

MOTION: Ms. Bass made a MOTION to purchase/reprint 1000 trail maps from the UPS Store for \$200.00; Mr. Lutjen seconded. No further discussion - ALL Approved.

Mr. Slader will ask Mr. Nolan to make the minor word changes. Mrs. King inquired about a possible cost for Mr. Nolan to do this work. Mr. Slader will talk to Mr. Nolan.

Selectmen's Report: Nothing

Planning Board Report: Nothing

Administrative Correspondence: Mrs. King reviewed the compliance for all meetings to be video-taped, under the Right-To-Know Law.

The GMCG Annual meeting is March 2 and the presentation is about Black Bears.

A Thank-You note was received from the GMCG for the contribution of \$1500.00 for monitoring of the Madison rivers and streams.

Some positions expire soon - Mr. Slader for one year and Ms. Bass for three-year term. Both members agreed to continue on the Commission.

Adjournment: Motion made by Mr. Slader and seconded by Mr. Lutjen. All Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Minutes taken by: Colleen King