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APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ralph Lutjen - Present	Bill Lord - Present
Marc Ohlson - Present	Ted Slader - Present
Emily Bass - Present	Nancy Devine - Present

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Marcia McKenna, Chair

OTHERS PRESENT: Colleen King - Land Use Administrator and Carol Dandeneau - Madison TV Videographer.

MEETING POSTED: Notices posted on October 30, 2019 at Town Hall (upper and lower level), Silver Lake and Madison Post Offices.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Lutjen called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The October 3, 2019 Draft Minutes were reviewed with edits. A **MOTION TO APPROVE** the Minutes as amended was made by Mr. Ohlson; Mrs. Bass seconded. All Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Lutjen opened the meeting for Public Comment; hearing none, closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

B & M LOTS: Nothing to report

HIKING TRAIL MAPS: Mr. Lutjen asked if the trail maps are available in electronic form. Mr. Slader reported that the maps are on website and available at the Library, Town Hall and Post Office.

BARCLAY PROPERTY SIGN: Ms. Devine contacted Gemini Signs and received a price of \$130.00. The suggested wording will read ‘This Land is the generous gift of the William Barclay family (August 2017) Recreational activities only. No motorized vehicles.’ The sign will be the same material and design as the Loon Island sign. Ms. Bass made a **Motion to Approve** the expenditure of \$130.00 from the Forest Maintenance Account for the sign; Mr. Ohlson seconded. All Approved.

LAND DONATION UPDATE: Mr. Lord reported that the Selectmen discussed the approximate cost of accepting this potential donation of land by Beth Blankenstein on Map 116, Lot 22 (20 acres in Current Use) and Map 221 Lot 18 (.59 acres), for Conservation purposes only. Mr. Lord asked if the Conservation Commission usually pays the legal fees which would amount to approximately \$3600. Ms. Devine stated that the Commission usually pays for the legal fees. Mr. Ohlson stated that the legal fees would be paid out of the Land Use Change Tax fund. Mr. Lord will report back to the Selectmen for further discussion.

FOREST LAND IMPROVEMENT: (Report will be given at April 2020 meeting)

NEW BUSINESS:

Trees on Winter Road - Mr. Lord recapped the events that led up to the removal of several large pine trees on Winter Road. The Selectmen discussed the possibility of Conservation Commission covering the cost to replant trees at the WWI monument that were taken down. Mr. Slader inquired about the number of Veteran Markers. There are 2 markers imbedded in large stones. There was also some discussion about cutting the trees into useable wood planks to build a shed on the ballfield. A plaque would be put on the shed with the history of the trees from the WWI monument. Mr. Lutjen is a Master Gardener and offered to contact and collaborate with DPW Director. The tree stumps will be ground down and next year the road will be widened a bit.

SELECTMEN’S REPORT:

Alexander Ave/ Saxon Rd –The quality of Silver Lake could be negatively impacted by the unrestricted access at the end of these roads by boats that do not comply with NH Law of ‘Clean, Drain and Dry’. After review by the Fire Chief and the DPW Director, it was decided that a gate would be installed. The Silver Shores Association has been sent a letter regarding the Selectman’s intent to block a power boat to launch from that area.

MEAC - Mr. Lord reported that the solar energy project spearheaded by Noreen Down and MEAC has been revised and he, on behalf of the Selectmen, signed a Power Purchase Agreement with Revision Energy for 200 solar panels to power Town Hall and other buildings. It will be paid off in 9 years by a venture capitalist at no cost to the town; Revision Energy will pay for the fencing; MEAC recommended this proposal. The Selectmen approved this agreement at their last meeting.

LUCT – The Finance Director suggested to the Selectmen that a Warrant Article be submitted to reduce or eliminate the amount of money that the Conservation Commission receives and the funds can be put into the General Fund to reduce taxes. That amount is currently 50%. Mr. Ohlson and Ms. Devine are opposed to this idea. Mr. Lutjen stated that a reduction in these funds

would hamper their ability to make strategic purchases.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: Mr. Ohlson reported that the Planning Board met with their Attorneys last night to review protocol and general procedures.

ADMINISTRATIVE CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs. King reviewed the meeting calendar for 2020. The first meeting will be held on January 9, 2020.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: made by Ms. Devine, seconded by Ms. Bass. All Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

These minutes recorded by Colleen King, Land Use Administrator.

This Minutes were APPROVED at the January 9, 2020 Conservation Commission meeting.