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MINUTES
February 2, 2023

MEMBER ROLL CALL:

Marcia McKenna, Chair – Present

Marc Ohlson – Present

Ralph Lutjen – Present

Noreen Downs (Alternate) - Excused

Robert Stone - Present

Ted Slader (Alternate) – Present

Emily Bass – Present

Mike Mosher - Present

OTHERS PRESENT:

Aysia Morency and Amanda Hayford - Madison TV and Katharine Young, Land Use Boards Administrator, Tim Nolin, Jill Emerson, Water Quality Coordinator and Hailey Williams, AmeriCorps Water Quality Resource Assistant, Green Mountain Conservation Group, Michael Mauro, Selectmen's Representative

MEETING POSTED: This meeting was posted at Madison Town Hall Upper & Lower, Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on January 25, 2023.

CALL TO ORDER: McKenna called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

ELEVATION OF ALTERNATES: **Motion** by McKenna, seconded by Lutjen to elevate Alternate Slader for this meeting. The motion passed **unanimously**.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tim Nolin stated he talked with Josh Shackford last year and this spring, the Selectmen and Highway Department want to do some clearing around the back edge of the highway building to expand their operation footprint. Nolin asked the Commission if they wanted him to do the recommended thinning work from the management plan on this parcel at the same time as the clearing behind the highway building and up the side. Nolin stated that the management plan recommended thinning between 2023-2026 and in conjunction with a white pine seed year which is coming this fall. Nolin suggested

they should do the clearing and the Ward parcel harvest at the same time. Nolin stated they will go as far as they can but some of the wet area is in a riparian zone. Nolin further stated there is a pretty big bottle dump and this might be a good time to clean it up.

Slader asked what happens to the wood after it is harvested? Nolin stated there is some decent wood and the revenue will go into the Forest Maintenance Account.

Motion by Bass, seconded by Slader to have Tim Nolin conduct the recommended Forest Management harvest on the Ward lot in conjunction with the clearing. The motion passed **unanimously**.

Jill Emerson, Water Quality Coordinator and Hailey Williams, AmeriCorps Water Quality Resource Assistant from Green Mountain Conservation Group presented the overview of the Madison Water Quality Report and everything is stable with Banfield Brook, Forrest Brook, Ferrin Brook and Mill Brook.

Emerson stated that in 2021 they monitored all of Madison's culverts. Emerson further stated that on April 19, 2023 there is a Zoom regarding culvert data collected and applying for grants and all this data is available on the DES website. Emerson will include the contact information in her email as noted above and McKenna can forward to Mauro. Emerson will also send a digital copy of the septic flyer to McKenna.

OLD BUSINESS:

Property Review Commitments and Sign up: The is being deleted from the agenda going forward.

McNair Easement Amendment Update: McKenna stated the Conservation Commission has reached out to Laurie Corron several times to obtain email addresses for Corron's brother and sister and to date, nothing has been received. McKenna stated they all want to do it but the Commission needs to talk with Corron's siblings. Lutjen asked how many abutters are there? McKenna stated there are three family members and the potential buyer. McKenna stated that the property is now down to \$525,000.00 from \$875,000.00.

Chain of Ponds Update: McKenna stated Abby King is coming to the March 2, 2023 meeting and is still waiting on the final appraisal. Mr. Crowe signed a non-binding agreement to sell the property to the Conservation Commission and he understands the Commission can only offer a certain percentage above the appraisal. McKenna stated she talked with the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust to see if at town meeting, McKenna should try to appropriate monies from the Capital Reserve Fund for the Chain of Ponds purchase. King said no, that the Conservation Fund is going to buy the property and the Conservation Commission will pay it back over a period of time. McKenna also talked to King about determining public access and King explained that the organization providing funding will have specific criteria for public use.

Brine Truck: Mike Mauro, Selectmen's Representative stated that the DPW is working on brine spray to improve the efficiency of the salt and lessens the amount of salt as it comes out of the truck. Mauro stated this is a much easier solution to make then the brine as the brine is not something that can be mixed in the town garage. Mauro stated the Town of Gilford is using this process and it is working out great.

Part-time Administrator Position Update: The Commission interviewed a qualified applicant who was qualified for the position prior to this meeting. The applicant is not interested in the position as she was expecting more hours.

McKenna brought up the election of officers. Ohlson stated this should go on the agenda for the April meeting as you do not know what the commission is until after the meeting. Ohlson stated you are not officially a member until you are sworn in by the Selectmen for another term.

McKenna stated she went to the Selectmen's meeting and asked if they would approve the Madison Conservation Commission's proposed Warrant Articles and the Selectmen agreed. Mauro stated the Selectmen meet next Tuesday and no, the Conservation Commission does not need to attend and Mauro further added that the Budget Committee meets on February 14th.

Selectmen's Report: Nothing to report.

Planning Board Report: Ohlson stated he had nothing to report until the Planning Board convenes in April. He further stated that the Planning Board may go back to STR's and 1.3b again. Ohlson stated that at the Public Hearing in January, the Planning Board proposed changing the regulations to make STR's by Special Exception. When the vote came down, it was a split vote and Ohlson, as Chairman, decided if the consensus of the Board was not clear, then they should try to do it again.

ADMINISTRATIVE CORRESPONDENCE:

Budget Drawdown: Nothing to report as this time as there has been no activity.

Account Updates: Nothing to report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: McKenna tabled the approval of the December 1, 2022 and January 12, 2023 minutes to the March 2, 2023 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION: By Mosher, seconded by Lutjen to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned with all in favor at 5:10 pm

Submitted by:

Katharine Young
Land Use Boards Administrator