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**REGULAR MEETING APPROVED MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2017
7:00PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT : Marcia McKenna - Chair, Ralph Lutjen Marc Ohlson, Ted Slader, Nancy Devine,

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Josh Shackford-BOS and Robbin Rancourt,

OTHERS PRESENT: Colleen King, Land Use Administrator, Emily Bass and Dana Iverson

MEETING POSTED: March 23, 2017 at Town Hall - upper and lower levels, Madison and Silver Lake Post Offices

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. McKenna called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The March 2, 2017 Draft Minutes were reviewed and amended. A Motion was made by Ms.Devine to approve the March 2, 2017 Draft Minutes as amended; seconded by Mr. Ohlson. All approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Ms. McKenna and Ms. Devine acknowledged Mrs. Emily Bass as potential new Conservation Commission member, who came to observe a meeting.
2. Mr. Dana Iverson has signed a sales agreement on property off Deer Trot adjacent to the Wold property and was concerned with two issues: one issue is the current and future logging activity and the second issue is an inquiry to use the ROW on the Conservation property to access his property. Ms. McKenna stated that there is a clearing and access road that is used for logging and trail system approximately 8-10 years ago. Mr. Ohlson suggested that the Wold Property Management Plan be reviewed and there are 3 areas which are cleared for wildlife management. The hikers' access is through the low spot of the field off Allard Road. This request will be reviewed further by the Commission. Mr. Iverson requested the he be granted access to his proposed house over the Conservation ROW. The ROW is parallel to his property and then he could put his driveway of the ROW. Ms. McKenna stated that the Town Attorney would have to be consulted regarding liabilities, etc., and that Mr. Iverson would be responsible for plowing of the ROW and maintenance. Mr. Iverson agreed. Mr. Ohlson stated that once the deeds, the Wold Property report and the Forest Land Management Report have been reviewed, the Commission would recommend to the Board of Selectmen that a ROW access be granted to Mr. Iverson for to access his property and that this would also benefit the Town by

keeping the ROW cleared. Ms. McKenna stated that this is less intrusive to the habitat to use the ROW used instead of constructing a new driveway over his own land, which has severe gullies. The Conservation Commission members all agreed that they would rather have the ROW use.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. William Barclay Land Donation

Mrs. King reviewed the update information via email from Attorney Bronstein and a telephone conversation with Mr. Barclay. The Town will be responsible for all legal fees, title search, and deed transfer costs. Alpine Title will update the title search and the title insurance policy. There will be a straight giving of the land to the town and Mr. Barclay is gifting this property to the Town of Madison and he is not taking any charitable deductions with the IRS; therefore an appraisal of market value is not needed. Mr. Barclay would like the following restrictions: no motorized vehicles or clear cutting. There could be spot cutting for views but no clear cutting. Hunting will be allowed as well as foot traffic and recreational activities. Mountain bikes are allowed but no ATVs. Mrs. King thanked Mr. Barclay for his generous donation and he would like his land to be included in some Old Home Week activities. Ms. McKenna suggested that a dedication be done during Old Home Week. Atty. Bronstein will draft the warranty deed.

B. Forest Management Plan

The five area forests listed below were discussed at the March Meeting with Mr. Tim Nolan and will remain on future agendas. Mr. Nolan was not present at this meeting but will present an update at the May meeting.

1. Goodwin/Burke Forest
 - Extension of Brook Trail (Spring 2017)
2. Everett Parker Lot Forest
 - Boundary line painting (Spring 2017)
3. Ward Lot Forest
 - Bluebird boxes with Madison Elementary – Mr. Slader will contact Nan Bartlett and report at the May meeting
4. Blair's Location
 - Rebuild wood duck boxes
 - Set the riparian zone
5. B&M Lots
 - Deed restriction on Currier Property – Mr. Rancourt will report at the May meeting.

At the December 1, 2016 meeting, a vote was taken and approved for the repainting of the boundary lines of the Goodwin-Burke, Everett Parker, Ward Lot and Blair's Location properties at a contracted rate of \$65.00/hour. Mr. Nolan/ Forest Land Improvement will do the work and submit a bill as work is completed. This work was performed in late February 2017 and an invoice of \$1730.00 which included the cost of the paint was submitted. On March 4, 2017, Selectmen approved the invoice and payment was mail to Forest Land Improvement.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. New Member and Re-Appointments

Ms. Emily Bass attended this meeting and expressed a strong interest in joining the Madison Conservation Commission. She had some questions regarding liability, commitment level and fundraising activities that would be expected. Ms. McKenna stated that liability for members is covered under the Town policy and the Commission meets on the first Thursday of the month, except for August. Mr. Ohlson stated that Conservation does not have ongoing fundraising. Ms. Devine stated that each member oversees a parcel of conservation.

Mr. Lutjen and Mr. Slader agreed that it is very rewarding being on the Conservation Commission. Emily Bass' name will be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for a full member appointment, expiring in 2020. There is another opening for a full member for the remainder of Dr. Riss' term.

Mr. Rancourt and Mr. Slader will remain as Alternates. Ms. Devine was sworn-in and Ms. McKenna stated that she will get sworn-in before the May meeting.

B. Dr. David Riss

Mrs. King showed the gift which was ordered to thank Dr. Riss for his many years of service to the Conservation Commission. All agreed that it was beautiful.

C. Old Home Week

There was a discussion on the type of presentation for the 2017 Old Home Week.

Ms. McKenna and Mr. Slader suggested a Wildlife Encounter presentation which was recently on NH Chronicle. All agreed that this type of activity would be of interest to families and should be held in conjunction with the Blueberry Festival. Mr. Slader will bring information on this to Mrs. King. Ms. Devine suggested also doing the dedication and hike on the Barclay property.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT:

None

PLANNING BOARD REPORT :

Mr. Ohlson briefly discussed the previous night's Planning Board meeting.

ADMINISTRATION/CORRESPONDENCE:

There is a Conservation Round-Table at Runnels Hall in Chocorua on Thursday April 27 at 6pm. Mrs. King will attend and bring back information.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Ohlson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ralph Lutjen.
All approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen King
Land Use Administrator

These minutes were APPROVED at the May 4, 2017 meeting.