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REGULAR MEETING APPROVED MINUTES
MAY 4, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marcia McKenna - Chair, Ralph Lutjen, Marc Ohlson, Ted Slader, Nancy Devine, Emily Bass, and Josh Shackford – BOS.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Robbin Rancourt.

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Arias, Substitute Land Use Administrator, and Mr. & Mrs. Dana Iverson.

MEETING POSTED: April 26, 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: A Motion was made by Mr. Lutjen to approve the April 6, 2017 Draft Minutes as prepared; seconded by Mr. Slader. All approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mr. Iverson brought in a copy of the 2007 deed for the Deer Trot Lane property he plans to buy from Ms. Cooper in early June (CCRD Book 2705, Page 0215). The deed includes language confirming the right-of-way between lots 5 & 7, which was part of the previous land conveyance from Wold to the Town of Madison, can be used for access to the Mr. Iverson's parcel. Mr. Iverson asked the Commission if utilities can be buried along one edge of the right-of-way. It was suggested that Mr. Iverson discuss his proposal for access, any right-of-way improvements, and buried utilities with Code Enforcement Officer Bob Boyd. Mr. Boyd will guide Mr. Iverson through the necessary steps while ensuring the proper permits are issued and permissions granted. Mr. Ohlson mentioned the existing boulders at the Wold property landing site and said the Commission might instead consider installing a fence in the future.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Forest Management Plan

Mr. Tim Nolan from Forest Land Improvements was back with an update on the Forest Management Plan. Mr. Nolan's recommendation for the summer of 2017 is to move forward with the timber sale on the eastern side of the Goodwin/Burke Forest and keep the Everett Parker Lot project separate for the summer of 2018. Mr. Nolan said a landing area should be established by cutting about 6 trees on the right side of Class VI Black Brook Road just beyond the point where the Downs' driveway turns left off the Class VI Road. Aggregate should be brought in for the landing area with 1-2 yards of gravel trailing into the roadway so the trucks don't damage the road. Mr. Nolan estimates the project will yield 30,000 feet of logs and 800 tons of pulp wood with the Town netting between \$7,000 - \$9,000 once commission and marking fees are removed and the landing area is prepared. Mr. Nolan said the contracted logger will post a Bond with the Town based upon estimated stumpage for the project and show that they are the buyer of the timber rights on the Intent to Cut form, which will result in a timber tax being levied. Mr. Nolan explained how there are two ways to address the timber tax, either of which should be acceptable to the Commission. The first way is for the paid stumpage values to be adjusted slightly to account for the timber tax. The other is for the Commission to pay for the timber tax from the proceeds of the sale. When asked, Mr. Nolan said the loggers will smooth and stabilize the project area and install any necessary water bars before leaving the site. The landing will need to be seeded post-timber harvest, hopefully around Labor Day. Mr. Nolan has signage that will be posted during the operation to notify people recreating in the area. Since the Commission was in favor of the project moving forward, Mr. Nolan said he will prepare a packet of information for a Selectmen's meeting in early June. The packet will include a timber sale work agreement, stumpage values to be paid, DES Wetland Notification form (\$25 filing fee), Intent to Cut form, and abutter notification letters to Mr. & Mrs. Downs and the Town of Freedom. The Commission thanked Mr. Nolan for his assistance with this project. Before leaving, Mr. Nolan indicated he would be doing the Lead Mine cleanup and Veilleux work next week.

B. William Barclay Land Donation

Correspondence regarding the William Barclay land donation was received from Attorney Bronstein after the April meeting; including a draft Quitclaim Deed and a request for additional information necessary to proceed. One correction needs to be made to the deed on page 1, Item 1 to make it clear that no development is allowed. Ms. Devine made a Motion to accept the Quitclaim Deed language as amended, seconded by Emily Bass. All approved.

Mrs. Arias was asked to follow up with Attorney Bronstein's office early next week with the correction, the names of the three Selectmen, and the suggestion that the closing be at a time and place convenient to Mr. Barclay. Mrs. Arias will also reach out to Mr. Barclay for his social security number and his consent to use his last name on a sign to be posted on the property.

C. Ward Parcel Bluebird Boxes

Mr. Slader met with Madison Elementary School Nurse Nan Bartlett and Rec. Director Mike Lane recently about building bluebird boxes as an after-school activity. Mr. Lane suggested this be done in the Fall of 2017 since spring sports are currently dominating the after-school

program. Although the Ward Parcel Management Plan calls for 20-30 boxes, the after-school program probably wouldn't yield that many. It's yet to be determined whether commercial kits are less expensive than buying supplies from Silver Lake Home Center based upon Mr. Lane's prototype. Mr. Slader and Mrs. Bartlett's husband Curt both have workshops where lumber could be cut for the kits. The Commission has funds to help with purchasing kits or supplies. Mr. Slader will follow up with the school and the topic will be revisited in the fall. Once installed, the boxes have to be cleaned out and inspected each fall.

It was mentioned that the management plan for the Wold property also calls for bluebird boxes and the Blair's Location plan calls for wood duck boxes. The Commission decided to first start with the school kids assembling boxes for the Ward Parcel.

D. Town Forest Inspections

The Commission discussed coming up with a schedule to walk and inspect the Town Forest properties. A reference was made to written inspection guidelines that include walking the perimeter of the property and crisscrossing the property twice in opposite directions (corner to corner). It was mentioned that things like insect infestation or diseased trees might not be picked up during a land inspection but other resources, like Green Mountain Conservation's aerial surveillance done every 5 years, could be used to better see the entirety of each parcel.

E. Deed restriction on Currier Property

This item will be put on the June agenda in the hopes Mr. Rancourt attends and reports in.

F. Old Home Week

Wildlife Encounters of Rochester was contacted and can do a presentation during Old Home Week 2017. They charge a \$30 travel fee along with other fees associated with various animal species. The Commission wants to have the animal presentation immediately following the Historical Society's Blueberry Festival. Mrs. Arias was asked to contact either a member of the Historical Society or the Old Home Week Committee to see whether the Blueberry Festival will be at the Historical Society again this year or return to the Elementary School. She will also contact Wildlife Encounters to see what a budget of \$250 will get us for animals and whether one location is better than the other for the presentation. The Commission will also hold the Old Home Week hike on Tuesday, possibly on the newly acquired Barclay property with a small dedication ceremony to kick it off.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. New Member

New member Emily Bass was welcomed to the Commission. There is another opening for a full member for the remainder of Dr. Riss' term.

B. Hiking Trail Map Update

Ted Slader presented a copy of the Madison Hiking Trails map that was part of a school health initiative grant through Health NH in 2008. Mr. Slader said there are four parcels of Conservation land with trails that aren't shown on the map. These are the Gage (aka Everett Parker), Wold, McNair, and Burke properties. Mr. Slader asked whether the group wants to

put time and resources into updating the map. A narrative for each of the four missing trails would need to be written for printing on the reverse of the map template at Minuteman Press. With today's technology, it might even help to list the GPS coordinates for the trailheads on the revision. Ohlson offered to ask the Director of The Community School if they'd partner up for the mapping update. Mr. Slader was asked to be the point person for this project and Mr. Lutjen and Ms. Devine offered to assist. They will report back at a future meeting.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT:

None.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT:

None.

ADMINISTRATION/CORRESPONDENCE:

The Conservation Round-Table at Runnells Hall in Chocorua was postponed from Thursday, April 27 at 6pm until Wednesday, May 31.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lutjen made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Slader.
All approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Melissa S. Arias
Substitute Land Use Administrator