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**Conservation Commission Draft Minutes  
July 5, 2018. 7pm**

**Members Present:** Chairman Marcia McKenna, Ralph Lutjen, Nancy Devine, Marc Ohlson, Emily Bass, , Josh Shackford- Selectmen's Rep.

**Members Excused:** Alternate Ted Slader

**Others Present:** Land Use Administrator Colleen King, and Madison TV Videographer Carol Dandereau

**Meeting Posted:** June 21, 2018 at Madison Town Hall (upper and lower levels) and Madison and Silver Lake Post Offices.

**Call to Order:** Chairman McKenna called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Elevation of Alternates:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Ms. McKenna made a motion to approve the June 7, 2018 Draft Minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Devine. All Approved.

**Public Comment:** Ms. McKenna opened the meeting for public comment. Hearing none, Ms. McKenna closed the meeting for public comment.

**Old Business:**

**1.Freedom Town Line Update** – Mr.Shackford reported that two weeks ago, he and Tim Nolan met with the Freedom Town Forester Bear Heath, a Freedom Selectmen, a Freedom Road Agent, Freedom Conservation Commission Chair and the Freedom Forest Advisory Commission Chair met on site. The outcome of their discussion is that Madison will be able to use that road to do the logging operation on the Everett-Parker Land. It was planned that Mr. Nolan and Ron Newbury, Chair of the Freedom Forrest Advisory Committee were to walk the entire road and review the culverts and if there was a need to add any gravel. However, it is getting late in the season, that the logger may not be available to get the work done before winter.

**2.Black Brook Road Gate** – Mr. Shackford spoke to Noreen Downs, who is the only other property owner there, with the Town. They do not feel there is an issue. Ms. Devine doesn't see the need for a gate. Ms. McKenna was concerned that the road gets torn up and suggested that this remain on the September agenda.

Mr. Shackford is still waiting on the other two gates which were ordered in March 2018, one for Goe Hill Road and one for the Freedom end of the trail.

**3. Old Home Week** - The information of the Conservation Walk on the Cascades Trail and the Wildlife Encounters was given to Candy Jones to advertise with the other Old Home Week activities.

Ms. Devine will make the 'Welcome' comments at the Wildlife Encounters event on Sunday August 5.

Mr. Ohlson will lead the Cascades Hike on Tuesday August 7 at 11am.

**4. B & M Lots** - Currier Property ROW Deed Restriction: No update.

**5. Bluebird Houses** – Mrs. King handed out an email from Mr. Slader – he spoke to Andrew Nelson and his Scout troop definitely wants to assemble the Bluebird houses. However, they do not meet in the summer so this will be a fall project.

**6. Madison Hiking Trail Map Status:** Mr. Lutjen reported that the Hiking Trail map is complete and suggested that the next step is to have the BOS approve the map. The next BOS Meeting is in 2 weeks (July 17).

Minuteman Printing turnaround time is very quick so once the BOS approve it. Ms. Devine hoped that there would be some maps available for the SLAM Annual Meeting on July 14. Mrs. King will forward it to the BOS individually for their review and comment. The Minuteman quote is \$262.38 for 200 copies.

**MOTION** Mr. Lutjen made a **MOTION** to approve the expenditure of \$300.00 for the printing of 200 Trail Maps and holders; Ms. Devine seconded.

**DISCUSSION** Ms. McKenna inquired about getting a reduced price if more maps were ordered.

Ms. Devine stated that the maps will be at Purity Springs, the kiosks at the Pine Barrens and the Hathaway trail, Town Offices and the Silver Lake and Madison Post Offices.

Ms. McKenna suggested putting some maps at the Boy Scout kiok near Cook's Pond and expressed a concern that 200 copies may not be enough.

Ms. Devine reported that although Mr. Slader was comfortable with 200 copies, she would be inclined to order more.

Mr. Lutjen agreed that more copies should be ordered and the cost is approximately a \$1/copy. He suggested that the Motion be amended for \$400.00.

**AMENDED MOTION** Mr. Lutjen amended his **MOTION** to approve the expenditure of \$400.00 for the printing of Trail Maps and holders; Ms. Devine seconded.

**VOTE** All Approved

The amount of trail maps will be confirmed by Ms. Devine and Minuteman Press as the cost per map may decrease with a larger amount ordered. The holders will be ordered online by Ms. Devine.

Mrs. King will email the BOS and ask that their comments be forwarded to Mrs. Shackford by Tuesday July 10.

Ms. Devine will contact Mrs. Shackford.

Mrs. King handed out the Trail Map Sub-Committee Meeting Notice and Minutes.

**7. Loon Island Sign Update** – The signs are complete and ready to be posted. Mr. Ohlson will coordinate with Mrs. Bass for the sign posts that he is donating. Mrs. Bass will put the signs on the island.

#### **8. Barclay Property**

There was discussion about erecting a sign on the Barclay property and Mrs. King will review the wording for a sign. This will remain on agenda for the September meeting.

#### **9. Cutting of Trees on Town Land Near Veilleux Property**

Mrs. King passed out an email thread from Mrs. Veilleux, regarding the trees on Town property which will be cut at the Veilleux' expense. Ms. McKenna did a site visit and reported that there were some tall thin pines and other trees were dead. Mr. Shackford reported that the Selectmen individually visited the area and they agree that there are 16 trees that are marked for removal that the Veilleux' expense. A Motion was made and approved

with the stipulation that there be a date certain specified for the completion of the work. The Town will set the date. No further discussion.

**MOTION** Ms. McKenna made a **MOTION** that the Veilleux' be allowed to cut the trees at their expense, which they have identified as hazardous on the Town property, including the large White Pine, with the work to be completed by January 1, 2019. Seconded by Ms. Devine. All Approved.

**10. Property on Goe Hill:** Mr. Shackford reported that the 125 acre lot sold for \$275, 000.00.

**New Business:**

**Selectmen's Report:** Mr. Shackford reported that the Malcolm MacNair easement property of 250 acres is going on the market soon. There are 180 acres in the easement and 70 acres not in an easement. The house is being sold separately. The market price of the land is \$350K and he would consider selling it to the Town for \$299K. There is only 70 acres which could be developed. Based on road frontage, there are only so many house lots that would be allowed. The easement wording would outline the location of the easement. If there is an interest in acquiring this land, quick action would be needed. Ms. McKenna stated that there would be several meetings needed to determine where the money would come from. Mr. Shackford stated that it is appraised at \$180K and there has been managed logging in the past years. Mr. Nolan would know the timber value.

**MOTION** Ms. Devine made a **MOTION** to research the Malcolm MacNair property before it goes on the market and authorize Mr. Shackford to ct as agent for the Conservation Commission in pursuing the purchase of this land for the Town of Madison.

Seconded by Mrs. Bass.

**DISCUSSION** Mr. Ohlson stated that the price is reasonable and it is an area of unfragmented land.

Ms. Devine stated that this land is around the pond and is the type of land that the Commission is looking for.

**VOTE** All Approved.

**Planning Board Report:**

Mr. Ohlson reported that the MacNair family is having a Remembrance for Edie MacNair on August 4. Mrs. MacNair was a longtime member of the Conservation Commission.

Planning Board will meet next week.

**Administrative Correspondence:**

There was a DES Forestry Notification for property owned by David Riss.

A check was received for the Conservation Current Use Change Tax in the amount of \$7847.00.

Ms. Devine made a Motion to Adjourn to Public meeting; seconded by Mr. Slader; All Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen King, Land Use Administrator