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Conservation Commission Minutes
December 6, 2018. 7pm

Members Present: Marc Ohlson, Ted Slader, Ralph Lutjen, Emily Bass

Members Excused: Marcia McKenna, Nancy Devine, Selectman Josh Shackford

Others Present: Land Use Administrator Colleen King, Tim Nolan-Madison TV, Jeff Lougee - The Nature Conservancy, Jay Buckley, and from the Green Mountain Conservation Group - Jill Emerson, Victoria Green, Haley Parent and Noreen Downs.

Meeting Posted: November 28, 2018 at Town Hall (upper and lower levels) and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices

Call To Order: Acting Chair Marc Ohlson called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Approval of Minutes: The November 1, 2018 minutes were reviewed with minor edits and Mr. Lutjen motioned to approve as amended; seconded by Mr. Slader. All Approved.

Public Comment: Mr. Ohlson opened the Public Comment Section of the meeting.

1. Jill Emerson from The Green Mountain Conservation Group gave a presentation on their organization's activities and the benefits to Madison. There are currently 5 volunteers doing water testing and all five test points are within the EPA Acceptable limits.

Mrs. King stated that the \$1500.00 invoice for the GMCG water testing was received and will be processed as a budget line item.

Mr. Lutjen confirmed that for the past 21 years, water testing has been done.

Ms. Emerson stated that a request has been made to DES for assistance in reviewing the data from the Ossipee Watershed.

2. Jeff Lougee discussed the Burn Program and the benefits to the forested areas. He reviewed a Grant program and is looking for matching funds of \$4000.00 from the Town. There is a Federal Program which would match the funds. Mr. Ohlson recalled that the area was brush-hogged in 2015 and Mr Lougee stated that \$1500.00 would be needed to brush-hog it again.

After some discussion, Mr Lutjen made a **MOTION** to approve monies, not to exceed \$4000.00 from the Forest Maintenance Account, to be used for this prescribed burn program; seconded by Mr. Slader.

This is a cohesive Fire Strategy with the US Fire Service. This program would span the years 2020-2023. All Approved. **MOTION PASSED.**

Hearing no further comment, Mr. Ohlson closed the Public Comment section of the meeting.

Old Business:

1.Freedom Town Line Update: No Update

2.B&M Lots: No Update.

3.Barclay Property Sign: Mrs. King will review with Ms. Devine at the next meeting.

New Business: None

Selectmen's Report: None

Planning Board Report: Mr. Ohlson reviewed the December 5, 2018 Planning Board meeting.

Administrative Correspondence:

Mrs. King reviewed the 2019 meeting schedule with no conflicts.

Adjournment: Mr. Slader made a MOTION to adjourn; Mrs. Bass seconded. All approved and meeting adjourned at 7:47pm

Minutes taken by Colleen King, Land Use Administrator