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MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marcia McKenna, Chair - Present Bill Lord - Present
Marc Ohlson - Present Emily Bass - Present
Ralph Lutjen - Present

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ted Slader- Excused Nancy Devine – Excused

OTHERS PRESENT: Colleen King - Land Use Administrator, Noreen Downs- Madison TV Videographer,
Jill Emerson – GMCG, Tim Nolan – Forest Land Improvement

MEETING POSTED: February 19, 2020 Town Hall (upper and lower), Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. McKenna called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The January 9, 2020 Draft Minutes were reviewed with no edits. A **MOTION TO APPROVE** the Minutes as written was made by Ms. Bass; Mr. Lutjen seconded. All Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. McKenna opened the meeting for Public Comment.

Ms. Jill Emerson from Green Mountain Conservation Group gave a very informative presentation on the Madison Water Quality Overview. She explained the water quality standards, the parameters used to test the brooks and streams along with the test results. Mr. Ohlson stated that Madison uses approximately 34,000 lbs. of salt. Mr. Lord will ask the DPW about the possibility of brining. GMCG has a GET WET program when residents can bring a drinking water sample to be screened for various parameters and Tara Schroeder is the scheduling contact for it. Mrs. King suggested this program for Old Home Week.

Ms. McKenna closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

FORESTRY MAINTENANCE 2020 PROPOSAL – Mr Nolan presented his proposal as follows:

Boundary Maintenance:

Ward Lot: Repaint western and northern boundaries. 3,680’

Estimated Cost: \$400

B&M: Repaint southern and (portion) western boundaries. 2,000’

Estimated Cost: \$225

Mowing:

Goodwin-Burke: Mow woodroads and 3 landings in western section of property off Lead Mine Road in late July prior to Old Home Week.

Total Cost: \$500*

*Chainsaw work/debris removal necessary to facilitate mowing to be conducted and billed at a rate of \$55/hr, not to exceed \$110 total without prior approval by the Conservation Commission.

Trail Maintenance:

Goodwin-Burke & Wold: Remove debris, brushsaw, and leafblow the Jackman Ridge Trail and Wold Lot Trails. Work to be done in July prior to Old Home Week.

Total Cost billed at a rate of \$55/hr, not to exceed \$1,200

After discussion by the Commission, Mr Lutjen made a **MOTION** to accept the 2020 Forest Maintenance Proposal, billed to the Forest Management Account and not to exceed \$2500.in total. The invoices may be submitted as work is completed and will be identified by line item description; seconded by Mr. Lord.

All APPROVED

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The commission voted unanimously to re-elect Ms. McKenna as Chair and Mr. Lutjen as Vice-Chair for 2020. Both accepted

OLD BUSINESS

BARCLAY PROPERTY SIGN: This will be on the April agenda and Ms. Devine will be notified.

LAND DONATION: Mrs. King read an email from the Blankensteins stating that they are not interested in putting this land into a Conservation Easement. They want to sell it.

TREES ON WINTER ROAD UPDATE: This will be on the May agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNUAL REVIEW OF CONSERVATION PROPERTIES: Ms. McKenna wondered if the NHCCA would assist us with guidelines for walking the Conservation properties. Mr. Lutjen remembered a form that would be filled out when the property boundaries were walked.

OLD HOME WEEK UPDATE: Mrs. King reviewed an outreach program from the Squam Lake Science Center for Owls of NH. The price is the same as Wildlife Encounters.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Lutjen and seconded by Ms. Bass to have the Owls of NH Presentation for Old Home Week on Sunday Aug 2 and tentative time is 4-5pm. **ALL APPROVED**

TOWN WARRANT: Ms. McKenna reviewed the petition article request for \$5K that will be voted on at Town Meeting on March 13. She will also address the reduction from 50% to 15% of the LUCT funds and request that this not be reduced.

SELECTMEN’S REPORT: Mr. Lord stated that all invoices need to be processed in a timely manner. Mrs. King explained that the holdup was because after the Commission discussed and agreed with the proposal, they never made a Motion with a Second to accept the proposal.

Mr. Lord noticed that there was not a Town representative for the GMCG newsletter. Ms. Devine was nominated to do this.

Regarding the DPW use of brine vs salt, Mr. Lord will review with DPW dept head.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: A Site Plan review for a wood processing facility on Rt 16 was withdrawn.

ADMINISTRATIVE CORRESPONDENCE: None

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 8:40pm made by Mr. Ohlson, seconded by Mr. Lutjen. All Approved.

These Minutes recorded by: Colleen King

*These minutes were **APPROVED** at the November 5, 2020 meeting.*