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**APPROVED MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2021**

MEMBER ROLL CALL:

Marcia McKenna, Chair – Present
Marc Ohlson – Present
Ralph Lutjen - Present
Noreen Downs - Present
Bill Lord - Present
Robert Stone - Present

Ted Slader - Excused
Emily Bass - Excused

OTHERS PRESENT:

Colleen King - Land Use Administrator, Kim Cyr - new Land Use Administrator
Moselle Spiller - Madison TV, Tim Nolan - Forest Land Improvement, Chuck Hutchinson,
Mark Dinsdorf and Rich Brerton - Water Source Protection Presentation - Saco Waterhead Alliance

MEETING POSTED: May 27, 2021 at Madison Town Hall Upper & Lower, Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices

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

ELEVATE ALTERNATE: Mr. Stone made a **MOTION** to elevate Mrs. Noreen Downs to a full member for tonight's meeting; Mr. Lord seconded. All Approved.

Mrs. King had previously announced that she will be leaving this position by the end of June and introduced her replacement Mrs. Kim Cyr.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. McKenna opened the meeting for public comment.

Mr. Chuck Hutchinson whose family has lived on Winter Road since 1957, expressed his concern with the landscaping and grading work that was done near the WWI Memorial on Winter Road. After the dead and decayed trees were removed, the grading was pushed into the wetlands nearby. There needs to be some remediation action taken. Ms. McKenna stated that even a seasonal wetland needed to be

protected or the sand will wash in. Mr. Hutchinson suggested that gauze cloth or hay be used to protect against erosion. Mr. Lord agreed to look at the site.
Hearing no further comments, Ms. McKenna closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

PRESENTATION: Mark Dinsdorf and Rich Brerton of the Saco Headwater Alliance gave a very informative presentation followed by a question and answer period. There are 23 towns in NH & ME in the Alliance who have partnered together to protect the water resources. They commended the Town of Madison for leading the cause for clean water by enacting a Groundwater Protection Ordinance. There are 10 wellhead protection areas in Madison and the goal is to keep contaminants away from the groundwater. The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the NH Groundwater Protection Act support the efforts in Madison.

NEW BUSINESS:

TIM NOLIN, FOREST LAND IMPROVEMENT

An Invoice of \$1045.00 was submitted for Goodwin-Burke forest - Brush back edges of main woods road and fire road to permit full width mowing. This Motion was approved at the May 6, 2021 meeting, not to exceed \$1050. Mrs. King will process it.

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. McKenna and seconded by Mrs. Downs to cover the cost, not to exceed \$4000.00 from the Forest Maintenance Account to improve the skid road in the Everett-Parker forest. This will include pulling out the brush and stabilizing the area with seeding. All Approved.

As requested at the May meeting, Mr. Nolin did go to the town land near the Veilleux's property and spoke to Mr. Veilleux about the area. Nothing was said to Mr. Nolin regarding the Veilleux's concerns about trees possibly falling on or near their property.

OLD BUSINESS: Ms. King reported that two invoices have been received and the Conservation Commission had been expected to contribute to them. However, there have not been any Motions in the past months that would have supported these assumptions.

The first invoice is for the salt brine tank. After some discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Mr. Lutjen to pay \$5000.00 from the LUCT account towards the cost of the salt brine tank; seconded by Mrs. Downs. All Approved.

The second invoice is for restoration of the dam and the boat ramp. Ms. McKenna made a **MOTION** to spend \$7500.00 from the LUCT account towards the dam restoration and the boat ramp; seconded by Mr. Lord. All Approved.

TRAIL MAP UPDATE: For July Agenda

BARCLAY PROPERTY: For July Agenda - possible Old Home Week activity.

OLD HOME WEEK: The Commission decided to reschedule the Squam Lake Science Center presentation for this year's OHW event. Mrs. King will confirm.

WINTER ROAD UPDATE: See Mr. Lord Selectman's report below.

ADMINISTRATION:

Conservation Accounts - For the July Agenda - Review and possibly combine Conservation accounts.

Monitoring Conservation Lands: Ms. King reported that Barbara Richter from the NH Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) emailed several spreadsheets and ways to monitor Conservation land in the Town. Mrs. King will forward to Ms. McKenna.

ZBA Cases: Mrs. King will design a form that the Conservation Commission can use to comment on when ZBA cases are seeking relief from wetland and/or septic setbacks. The form will be ready for use at the July Conservation meeting.

PLANNING BOARD: Mr. Ohlson reported that a 2-lot subdivision was approved at the last Planning Board meeting and there was a discussion of zoning definitions with respect to non-conforming use.

SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

- Annual Town Meeting (MCC interest) – the attendees at this year's Town meeting spontaneously applauded when it was explained why the BOS and ABC unanimously recommended approval of the \$5000 annual Capital Reserve Request for conservation purposes. When the audience heard that the MCC was willing to assist in funding other Town conservation priorities - by using some of their accumulated \$340,000 funds - it was a unanimous Town vote for approval. Lord thinks it will be important to continue to show that willingness as MCC rebuilds its relationship with taxpayers.
- Result of new Madison boat launch fees – to date, over 20 fee boat launch permits have been paid/issued. Three organizations interested in holding fishing tournaments will move to other lakes due to fees. This effort was to reduce the number of non-resident boats on Silver Lake.
- Split-rail fence at MHS – DPW will install a matching section of split-rail fence at the Madison Historical Society building to help prevent hikers from using non-path access to Cascades Trail. The 'short-cut' is causing erosion behind the building, MHS asked for MCC help, and MCC agreed to fund another section of fencing. Mr. Slater installed additional directional trail signage but those signs seem to be ignored by the public.
- Organizational gifts to MCC – the elected Boards of the Silver Lake Association of Madison and the Silver Lake Boat Club indicated they would like to contribute to the MCC. Any contributions would go into the MCC Gift account. They wish to enhance the public-private partnership specifically because of the new funding support by MCC for Town conservation projects e.g., Winter Road tree milling, dam & boat ramp repair, brine sprayer, WWI Veterans' memorial plantings, etc.
- Wood-splitting in DPW yard – the hardwood being split is for the Old Home Week bean hole supper firepit.
- WWI Vet memorial stone/plaques - DPW did an awesome job at re-invigorating the WWI stones on Winter Road. MCC had agreed to fund some plantings, but the new design incorporated Madison Garden Club flowers versus plants. MCC was the catalyst for this improvement, however. Winter Road white pines remain drying in the DPW yard, and we may have found a volunteer to mill them for only fuel and blade costs.
- Brine sprayer publicity – As requested, Lord drafted an article for the GMCG newsletter, *The Watershed News*, and for the Madison column in the Conway Sun (written by Bob King). It describes the brine sprayer equipment and conservation value of reduced rock salt on our roads draining into the Madison watershed.
- Dam/Boat ramp repair – NH DES fee (\$2000) and permit have been submitted, paid, and approved by NH DES and NH Fish & Game. Dam work is on-going, and the boat ramp will be delayed until fall when the lake level is lowered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The May 6, 2021 Draft Minutes were reviewed with edits made. A **MOTION** to APPROVE as amended was made by Mr. Lord and seconded by Mr. Ohlson. All Approved.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. McKenna made a Motion to adjourn; Mr. Lord seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:19pm

Submitted by:
Colleen King
Land Use Administrator