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MINUTES
April 7, 2022

MEMBER PRESENT: Co-Chair Marcia McKenna; Co-Chair Ralph Lutjen; Planning Board Representative Marc Ohlson; Robert Stone; Emily Bass; Alternate Ted Slader

MEMBER EXCUSED: Selectmen's Representative Mike Mauro; Alternate Noreen Downs

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Nolin; Mad TV Moselle Spiller

MEETING POSTED: This meeting was posted at Madison Town Hall Upper & Lower, Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices.

CALL TO ORDER: McKenna called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the March 2, 2022 meeting will be reviewed and approved at the May meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Forester Tim Nolin asked the Commission if they'd like to set up a date to tour the Cedar Swamp property. The Commission agreed to meet at 9:00am on Monday, April 18, 2022 at the gate to the Madison Boulder, notice will be made of the meeting.

Ohlson went off topic for a moment to mention that he has knowledge that the snowmobile groups may be looking to travel through the Cedar Swamp property. McKenna hopes to have research done as to whether there are restrictions on that property regarding motorized vehicles.

Nolin sent the proposed forestry budget to McKenna that included some new and different plans that included the log landing at the west end of Goodwin Burke Forest. Nolin proposes the installation of a gate rather than using the large rocks that have damaged equipment during the task of their movement. Nolin will send along an estimate for the gate project.

McKenna stated that we have not heard anything from Fadden regarding the Commission's request to meet again before they begin the cut on the old McNair property. McKenna asked Nolin for a suggestion of how to monitor the cut. Nolin stated they have to adhere to the terms of the easement and

added that the Commission could negotiate good forestry practices and ask that a 75' buffer be left near the water bodies versus the state mandated 25'.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chain of Ponds – McKenna recapped a Zoom meeting that she attended with Upper Valley Land Trust and The Nature Conservancy regarding assistance in acquiring the Chain of Ponds. Both organizations have too many projects going to be able to assist. There are other avenues to follow that include reaching out to the Trust for Public Lands and L-Chip grants. The Commission needs to get a current appraisal of the land as an offer of no more than 10% over appraisal can be made.

McKenna listed some other funding sources that included:

- L-Chip
- Society for the Protection of NH Forests
- DRED
- NH Heritage Commission
- Town of Madison

Bass can see a collaborative effort made if one organization can take the lead as this land has a tributary into Silver Lake that needs to be protected. This will be discussed again at the May meeting.

Updated Conservation Property Site Inspection Form – The inspection form was not found in a format that could be used as a fillable pdf. This will be worked on by Shackford and Cyr.

The form to volunteer to sign up for making the inspections was reviewed. Lutjen hoped members would indicate their intentions of which trail they'd like to do. Loon Island will be added to the list of properties to inspect and everyone will bring their list back at the May meeting. The inspection forms spoke of earlier will eventually be used for this list. Folders at Town Hall for each property contain information about each property that will be useful for the inspections.

NEW BUSINESS:

Slader asked if organizations have been contacted regarding the Old Home Week event. It was asked that Slader get in touch and report back to the commission with some options. McKenna recollects that we have \$400 to spend on the event.

The materials for the improvements to the Boat Launch are at their location with hopes that the project will be completed before this summer.

Green Mountain Conservation Group is still working to acquire the Davis Pond/Blankenstein property. It was discussed to offer \$5,000 toward the acquisition contingent on GMCG finding the remainder. Ohlson suggested \$7,000 making a **Motion** that was seconded by Slader to donate \$7,000 to the cause contingent upon the project being fully funded and having the Town of Madison given the right of first refusal should the property be offered for sale by GMCG. The motion passed **unanimously**.

ADMINISTRATIVE CORRESPONDENCE:

NHDES Incomplete Standard Dredge & Fill Wetlands Permit Application – Notification was received that the application for a boardwalk over wetlands leading to Silver Lake was returned to the application as incomplete

GMCG Upcoming Events Newsletter – There are several workshops coming up that include”

- 04/19 Madison DPW Salt Brine Workshop
- 05/24 & 05/25 Drinking Water Protection Conference
- 06/01 Drinking Water Protection Conference

SELECTMEN’S REPORT: The Selectmen’s representative was not in attendance.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: Ohlson stated that the Planning Board approve an amended unit subdivision last night. A request for a sub-committee to work on Short-Term Rental (STR) regulations was denied, it will be handled at regular Planning Board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT: Lutjen made a **Motion** to adjourn; Slader seconded. All Approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford
Town Administrator