

WESTBROOK CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

(Approved)

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Call to Order: 7:11 PM

Members present: Chairman Tom ODell, Bob Peterson, Mike Oryl, Randy Bell, Don Harger, Marty Marx and John Rie.

Minutes – July 20, 2011

Upon a motion by Bob Peterson, seconded by Randy Bell, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of July 20, 2011, as amended.

Bills:

Upon a motion by Don Harger, seconded by Randy Bell, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the payment of the following bills:

\$74.12 to Kathleen Kelemen for Secretarial duties.

Correspondence

1. Copy of July IWWC Agent Report.
2. Copy of IWWC Meeting Minutes 7/5/11.
3. Copy of Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes 6/28/11.
4. Copy of Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes 7/26/11.
5. Copy of updated Zoning Regulations.

Chairman's Report:

- It was stated that a motion that was made at last month's meeting was incorrect. The motion was regarding the Management of Open Space Land.
Upon a motion by Bob Peterson, seconded by Mike Oryl, it was:
VOTED: Unanimously to rescind the following motion that was made at the July 20, 2011 Meeting:
VOTED: Unanimously to create an ordinance that will provide for the Conservation Commission to manage all Open Space parcels in Town.
Upon a motion by Marty Marx, seconded by John Rie, it was:
VOTED: Unanimously to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen requesting that under Article II, Division 8, Section 2-261 of the Town Ordinances that they appoint the Conservation Commission to manage the following Open Spaces: Chapman Mill Pond, Horse Hill Woods, Horse Hill Gorge, Salt Island Overlook and the 8 acre conservation easement associated with Horse Hill Gorge.
- Chairman ODell stated that "Management Ordinance" needs to be added to the agenda under "Open Space Program". Upon a motion by Bob Peterson, seconded by Mike Oryl, it was:
VOTED: Unanimously add "Management Ordinance" under "Open Space Program" on the Agenda.

Open Space Program

- **Salt Island Overlook:** Funding land cleanup; parking; invasive removal; planting Plan:
Invasive removal: Brenden Gooley has been cleaning the area.
Chairman ODell distributed an "Outline" for a Proposed Five Year Plan" and it was discussed.
Quotes were received from Chris Hallahan and Lee Archer for the cleanup work.
Upon a motion by John Rie, seconded by Don Harger, it was:
VOTED: Unanimously to hire Lee Archer for \$1,425.00 to do items #1-7 on the "Site Work" outline, which is:

1. Move piles of wood chips at top of overlook to cover wood debris next to rock wall to the east. (Wood chip pile in the open area in middle of site can stay there for now).
2. Move large pile of Norway Maple to Northeast corner.
3. Move logs (4-5) to top.
4. Spread 3 old dirt stock piles over open areas; includes removal of vegetation (saplings, shrubs) covering piles.
5. Remove brush piles on entrance way.
6. Remove or bury galvanized pipe; near rock wall at top and in debris area down slope.
7. Remove brush, vines and apple tree from the area on left of access way between large trees and open area.

There is approximately \$1000.00 available in the Special Fund and the balance can be covered by the Conservation Open Space Fund. The work will start this fall.

- **Chapman Mill Pond:** Lake Treatment and management plan; parking: Chairman ODell stated that he still has not heard from Lake Laconia Association about the management agreement. Mr. ODell did speak to Tony Marino who stated that the plans are being developed for the new Town Garage site and the parking for Chapman Mill Pond is still in the plans. The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Refuge personnel will be working on the hemlocks this fall.
- **Horse Hill Woods;** Parking; Trail Clearing: We are still waiting for John Riggio to put up the fencing materials. If it is not done soon, we may need to improvise something. Brenden has been up there clearing the area. The trail has not been marked yet. Once the clearing is completed, everything can be marked and the signs can go up. There are some areas that are really wet and the trail may have to be re-routed a little bit.
- **Menunketesuck Watershed Greenway:** Update: Chairman ODell stated that the person who was assigned to this project at Trust for Public Land has left the position. Staff from TPL's Boston Office will be taking over the project. We should have the appraisals for the Russo and Miele property by the end of the month.
- **Management Ordinance:** Chairman ODell stated that we need to add a section of "Enforcement" to the existing Ordinance. There was discussion regarding what would be "criminal" and what would the Conservation Commission could enforce and charge fees for. Chairman ODell will talk with other towns to see if they have anything like this. The discussion continued and it seems that you really won't be able to enforce a lot because most acts would be criminal and therefore would be handled by the police.

Mulvey Environment Education Walkway: Update: Brendan Gooley spent 2-3 weeks working on this area. There is probably one more days worth of work. The rain garden worked during all the heavy rain.

Plan of Conservation and Development: Can now be found on the Town Website.

Old Business

- **Zoning Referral: Z2011-08:** Site Plan Review, Residential complex (apartments); Duck Island Landing, Boston Post Road:
- **Zoning Referral: Z2011-09:** Site Plan Review, Residential complex (apartments); Marina Way Landing., Boston Post Road:

Chairman ODell stated that he has gotten all the information that has been received from the applicant. A public hearing has been set for September 27, 2011. The Storm Water Management Plan has not been received yet. The Commission chooses to wait until more information is received before making any comments.

New Business: None.

Reports: None

Upon a motion by Randy Bell, seconded by Bob Peterson, it was:
VOTED: Unanimously to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Kathleen H. Kelemen
Secretary