

WESTBROOK CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Corrected Minutes – November 16, 2010

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Tom ODell.

Minutes – October 19, 2010

Upon a motion by Bob Peterson, seconded by John Rie, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of October 19, 2010, as amended.

Bills: Upon a motion by Mike Oryl, seconded by Randy Bell, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the payment of the following bills:
\$24.71 and \$49.41 to Kathleen Kelemen for Secretarial duties.

Correspondence:

1. Reminder for all reappointed members of the Commission to get sworn in.
2. Copy of IWWC Agent Report.
3. Copy of Habitat.

Chairman's Report:

- Chairman ODell stated that he attended a meeting regarding Soil Conservation Service.

Open Space Program:

- **Horse Hill Gorge: 7.5 acres – No Parking Available:** Mr. Ross's Daughter and Son-In-Law do not want any parking on the 7 acres parcel, if purchased. The Right of Way states that we can make the area a road or gravel driveway into the property. We do have another access through Kenrose Terrace. This will need to be looked into. We will still be able to put up a sign. It was stated that the mylar on file is not the final map of the property and doesn't have the markings for the conservation area and nothing that restricts it to conservation. John Rie asked why we would continue to discuss purchasing the property if they won't allow any parking. Chairman ODell stated that people can ride their bikes in.
Upon a motion by John Rie, seconded by Marty Marx, it was:
VOTED: Unanimously to not move forward on the purchase of the 7.5 acre parcel from the Ross Family because they are opposed to any parking on the land ***and the Right of Way.***
- **Salt Island Overlook – Site Restoration; Technical Steering Committee:** Chairman ODell distributed a copy of the Review Comments from the denial of the Grants. Chairman ODell was told to re-submit. He is trying to put together a Technical Steering Committee and get everyone to come down to look at the site. In the meantime, Chairman ODell will work with Woodard & Curran for the re-submittal of the ***Parking Area Grant.***
Upon a motion by Marty Marx, seconded by John Rie, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to use \$750.00 from the Conservation and Open Space Fund for the cost for Woodard & Curran to help with Grant Writing for the re-submittal of the Parking Area Grant.

- **Chapman Mill Pond – Stabilize Fence, Dam Improvements, parking:** Chairman ODell and Don Harger will be going to look at the fence and possibly put up a different kind than what is there now. The Town/State garage swap is almost complete so hopefully parking will be available in the Spring.
- **Russo Property- Update:** Chairman ODell stated that a letter has gone to Mr. Brose requesting a commitment of funds to be put towards the purchase of this property. Trust for Public Land is also working on a possible grant that could yield up to \$200,000.00. TPL will also fund a new appraisal for the property. Mr. Russo has lowered the price considerably.
- **Open Space Plan: Green Infrastructure: Discuss:** Chairman ODell went over the comments received from Commission Members. He will continue to work on it.

Plan of Conservation and Development

The POCD should be completed by the end of next June. There was a meeting last night to discuss Affordable Housing.

Old Business:

- **Zoning Appeal No. 10-06: Lot 17 Pointina Road: to allow 10' set back where 50' is required: Update.**
A variance was approved by the ZBA, but they still have to get approval for the septic system.
- **IWWC Referral Z0814 – Applicant David Scranton: South side of Boston Post Road, Assessors Map #28, Lot #S116, Update:**
This application will be on the November Agenda for a Zoning Permit.
- **IWWC Referral: Applicant Michael Dattilo (Water's Edge): Construction of 2 Tennis Courts, north parking lot, Boston Post Road: Update:**
Nothing to report at this time.

New Business:

- **2010/2011 Budget:** The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance have asked all departments to hold to a 0% increase.
Upon a motion by John Rie, seconded by Marty Marx, it was:
VOTED: Unanimously to propose a budget of \$11,565.00 to the Board of Selectmen for the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year.
- **2011 Meeting Schedule:** Upon a motion by Randy Bell, seconded by Mike Oryl, it was:
VOTED: Unanimously to hold the regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month for Calendar Year 2011.
- **Recreation Liability Protection for Municipalities:** Information was distributed to all members for review.

Upon a motion by John Rie, seconded by Randy Bell, it was:
VOTED: Unanimously to add the Westbrook Conservation Commission to the list of sponsors.

Upon a motion by John Rie, seconded by Randy Bell, it was:
VOTED: Unanimously to request that the Board of Selectmen support the restoration for Recreational Liability Protection for Municipalities.

Reports:

- a. **Planning Commission:** Nothing to report.
- b. **Zoning Commission:** Previously discussed.
- c. **Inland Wetlands:** Previously discussed.
- d. **Harbor Commission:** John Rie stated that they are on track for dredging this Spring. On December 1st, they will know how much can be done. The Adhoc Shellfish Committee has done a second round of testing and everything east of the Menunketesuck is clean. They have to do a total of 15 rounds of testing. If the test result continue as they have, some beds should be able to be opened next spring.
- e. **Town Center Committee:** 12 out of 37 spots have been adopted. Westbrook Foundation has given a grant for signage and for safety vests.

Upon a motion by Marty Marx, seconded by John Rie, it was:
VOTED: Unanimously to adjourn at 8:37p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen H. Kelemen, Secretary

Note: Corrections indicated in bold, underlined and italicized print.