



TOWN OF WESTBROOK

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Westbrook Conservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 15, 2015 7:00 p.m.
Mulvey Municipal Center - South Meeting Room
(Unapproved)

Members Present

Tom ODell, John Rie, Randy Bell, Mike Oryl, Bob Peterson, Don Harger, M. Marx

Ralph DePonte, IWWC representative, was also present.

Call to Order

Chairman Tom ODell called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes- November 23, 2015

MOTION: to approve the Conservation Commission's Meeting Minutes of November 23, 2015 as presented. MADE: by J. Rie; SECONDED: by D. Harger; VOTED IN FAVOR: J. Rie, B. Peterson, M. Marx, M. Oryl, R. Bell, D. Harger; OPPOSED: none; ABSTAINED: none; APPROVED: 6-0-0.

MOTION: to pay \$170.80 to Recording Clerk Kathleen King. MADE: by M. Oryl; SECONDED: by J. Rie; VOTED IN FAVOR: J. Rie, B. Peterson, M. Marx, M. Oryl, D. Harger, R. Bell; OPPOSED: none; ABSTAINED: none; APPROVED: 6-0-0.

Correspondence

The following were received: Zoning Commission meeting minutes from 10/15/2015, 10/27/2015 and 11/24/2015.

MOTION: to add under **New Business** the 2015 – 2016 Budget. MADE: J. Rie; SECONDED: by D. Harger; VOTED IN FAVOR: J. Rie, M. Marx, M. Oryl, B. Peterson, D. Harger, R. Bell; OPPOSED: none; ABSTAINED: none; APPROVED: 6-0-0.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was discussed under the agenda items.

Open Space Program

Preservation/Acquisition

- **Sciongay**: update

MOTION: to enter Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. MADE: J. Rie; SECONDED: by D. Harger; VOTED IN FAVOR: J. Rie, M. Marx, M. Oryl, B. Peterson, D. Harger, R. Bell; OPPOSED: none; ABSTAINED: none; APPROVED: 6-0-0.

MOTION: to exit Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. MADE: M. Marx; SECONDED: by J. Rie; VOTED IN FAVOR: J. Rie, M. Marx, M. Oryl, B. Peterson, D. Harger, R. Bell; OPPOSED: none; ABSTAINED: none; APPROVED: 6-0-0.

MOTION: to approve the use of the \$3,400.00 in the 2015-2016 budget for contractual services for new trail mapping in Horse Hill Woods (\$1,000.00) and River Corridor E&S Assessment Analysis Report (\$2,400.00) for contractual services for Environmental Assessment of the house and cottage on the Sciongay property. MADE: M. Marx; SECONDED: by J. Rie; VOTED IN FAVOR: J. Rie, M. Marx, M. Oryl, B. Peterson, D. Harger, R. Bell; OPPOSED: none; ABSTAINED: none; APPROVED: 6-0-0.

Management

- **Chapman Mill Pond:**

>>**Parking area construction: status—**

T. ODell will talk with the homeowner to ask her if it would be alright to place white pine trees on her side of the property for privacy screening.

The bids have gone out. At this point, five bids have been received. The deadline for the bids is 12:00 p.m. on 12/18/2015. The process will move forward once the contractor has been selected.

- **Toby Hill: Next steps**

A parking area should be put in. T. ODell has spoken with a potential volunteer who has offered to help with the trails at Toby Hill.

“No motorized vehicle” signs were installed last year, but neighbors living near the property suggested to T. ODell that additional signage with listed enforcement actions for motorized vehicles on the property be installed. T. ODell would like to add similar signs at the Sciongay property.

Old Business- as needed

New Business

- **Budget: Approve 2016-2017 Draft Budget**

Commissioners discussed adding \$2,400.00 to the proposed 2016-2017 Conservation Commission budget to pay for the contractual services for the E&S Assessment Report eliminated from 2015-16 budget which was approved in a motion earlier at tonight’s meeting.

MOTION: to accept the draft budget with the request that the line item from the 2015-2016 budget for the E&S Assessment be added to the 2016-2017 budget. This would make the total budget for contractual services for the 2016-2017 budget \$8,300.00, and the total Conservation Commission budget \$20,828.00. Commissioners would like this budget to be presented to the Board of Selectmen. MADE: J. Rie; SECONDED: by M. Marx; VOTED IN FAVOR: J. Rie, M. Marx, M. Oryl, B. Peterson, D. Harger, R. Bell; OPPOSED: none; ABSTAINED: none; APPROVED: 6-0-0.

- **2015-2015 Budget**

Commissioners discussed using money remaining in the 2015-2016 budget to pay for an intern to create a Management Plan for Visitor use at Salt Island.

Reports

Planning, Zoning, Inland Wetlands, Harbor Commission, Town Center, Adopt-A-Spot, The Preserve

The Preserve - A meeting to discuss design of parking area off Route 153 for The Preserve is scheduled for Thursday Dec. 18th. DEEP and Town officials will meet at the Mulvey Center.

<p><u>MOTION:</u> to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. until the next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Westbrook Conservation Commission which will be on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the South Meeting Room of the Mulvey Municipal Center, 866 Boston Post Road. <u>MADE:</u> by J. Rie; <u>SECONDED:</u> by D. Harger; <u>VOTED IN FAVOR:</u> M. Oryl, J. Rie, R. Bell, M. Marx, B. Peterson, D. Harger; <u>OPPOSED:</u> none; <u>ABSTAINED:</u> none.; <u>APPROVED:</u> 6-0-0.</p>
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Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen King, Recording Clerk

cc: Planning Commission, Zoning Commission, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission