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Minutes

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Tuesday September 10, 2013

7:00pm

Present: Francis (Buddy) Dougherty, Chairman
Jordan Bailey, Member
Brendan Denehy, Selectboard Representative

Absent: Evangelos (Evan) Gerekos, Member, Therry Neilsen-Steinhardt, Alternate, and Eric DiVirgilio, Alternate.

Minutes

Brendan made a motion to approve the Conservation Commission meeting minutes of August 13, 2013 both public and non-public. Jordan seconded yes 3-0.

General Business

Christopher Guida with Fieldstone Land Consultants – Wetland Permit Application – project location 272 Route 13, lot B-65

In attendance for this discussion is Christopher Guida with Fieldstone Land Consulting and Walter Hemming applicant.

Chris said this property is located south of Melendy Pond and the pond is set back on Mr. Hemming property. This pond is an existing pond and was permitted in 2001 to be dredged as a wildlife and fish pond. This also serves as a sediment trap for Route 13. This is a maintenance dredging; there will be no disturbance to the edges of the pond. This is primarily made up of rip rap and there is a concrete spillway. The rip rap is still in place. The plan is to pump out the pond and remove all the sediment and let the pond fill back in. This time of year there is no flow going through the pond. This is the reason we would like to do this now. **Jordan** asked if this is the first time that this pond has been dredged. **Chris** said yes. **Buddy** asked what the process is to remove the sediment other than just driving in an excavator dewatering and digging down. **Walter** explained where they will be going into the pond to remove the sediment. They will be entering the pond and removing estimated 295 yards of sediment. **Buddy** said he is going to do all that within the pond proper down through the center strip no huge slop. **Chris** said the sediment will be taken off site.

Buddy asked if there has been a survey done for any endangered species in that area for marbled salamanders, for Blanding turtles etc. There have been reports that they have been spotted in that general area. **Chris** we have not done an extensive survey but they have been in that area quite a bit and haven't

seen anything like that. As long as everyone knows what they are looking for someone will be in contact with the excavator operator to get him to spot and have someone remove fish or turtles that may need to be removed from the area and deposited down stream. **Buddy** asked if there will be someone on site to make sure that is happening because the excavator operator will not be able to. **Walter** said there will be a manager on site. **Chris** said they will have a second man on site for this project. **Jordan** said the BCC needs a protocol in place when a permit is submitted for approval by the Commission. On the permit it states that this area is the highest rated habitat ecological region. **Chris** said it also borders town land. **Jordan** asked when this project would be started. **Walter** said next year it is to late this year. It should take about 3 or 4 days. **Chris** said it is still the dry season it could happen this year. **Chris** said most of the dewatering will be done by a siphon. **Brendan** said it looks like this was a well thought out plan to be able to dewater and remove the sediment silt. **Walter** said this was originally a beaver pond and he decided that he didn't want a swampy area and applied to the State to make this pond. **Jordan** said with this timeline there is no reason that we couldn't have a survey done to make sure there are no endangered species is in that area. **Jordan** said she is not against this project but this application say's it is list in the highest rated ecological region it is our duty as a Conservation Commission is to make sure the proper steps are taken to survey the area. **Buddy** said we could call Fish and Game and ask them if they know of any species in the area. The state doesn't always have the most up to date information. **Buddy** said if there is a species that maybe endangered we should make sure people know what they are looking for. **Chris** said to do an extensive wildlife study would take a lot of time and effort. He believes his company has been out in that area enough that they would have noticed something in the area. **Jordan** said they need a procedure put into place to deal with these applications. **Chris** said as a Board you could add something in the ordinance. He doesn't believe that should hold up the approval process for this application. **Jordan** asked what the time line is for the Board to approve this application. **Chris** said it is better to have the support of the conservation commission we can receive state approval in 10 days but there is a provision that states we don't need support from the Conservation Commission and it would take 25 days for the state to approve the application. **Chris** said he believes the State does a pretty good job of permitting and educating people. **Jordan** said there are very simple wildlife surveys that can be done. **Chris** said just because a species is in an area doesn't mean it is a habitat either. **Jordan** said the project itself seems fine but we will need to put some kind of procedure in place for the next application that comes to the Conservation Commission. **Jordan** said she will make a few calls and find out what other Towns have in place when they receive wetlands permit. **Buddy** said it would be good if we were consistent with surrounding towns.

Buddy said he doesn't mind approving it tonight with conditions and any concerns we do have we can push off to DES. **Jordan** said she believes that they should also contact fish and game and see if this area puts up a red flag for them.

Brendan made a motion to allow the Chairman of the Conservation Commission sign the permit in support of this project with the condition that someone is on site to monitor and protect the wildlife while the project is ongoing and to report any findings to the conservation commission. Jordan seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

Eagle Scout Project – Zan Aslett – Camp Flannery Project update

In attendance for this discussion is Zan Aslett (Eagle Scout) and Jackie Aslett.

Zan handed his presentation to the Board. He stated this project will consist of and overall layout concept sketch of the property showing future use ideas for tents, a camp fire pit, kayak trail to a launch point (if approved), parking, and keep out zones if needed. He would like to build information boards and come up with a site use statement with the Board's help. This will include site information: who donated the property, when it was donated, and the activities that are allowed. He would also like to build a donation box that can be attached to the information board. **Zan** said there is a lot of clean up that needs to be done. There are 55 gallon barrels that were filled in with concrete and are dug partially into the ground. He is not sure how to remove them. There's a chicken coop on the property. He would like to know if the Board wants that removed or use as a storage area for fire wood. The project time line is: approval by the Commission for the project items, get this project approved by the Eagle Scout Project Committee. The

work will begin in October of 2013, and will conclude in May of 2014. He would like to get most of the clean up done before this winter. **Buddy** asked if any other scouts have shown interest in any of the future projects that you have listed. **Zan** said he believes that scouts will be interested in continuing this project. **Buddy** asked if he could add picnic tables to the list of future projects. **Buddy** asked **Zan** if he would need a dumpster for the clean up. **Zan** said yes. **Jackie** said she believes the building should be inspected for mold. **Buddy** said it is a pretty airy building but they will look into it. **Brendan** said if you find any cans or barrels of oil during the clean up process you can put them to the side and the Board will figure out what to do with them. **Jackie** also asked how they are going to get rid of the 55 gallon barrels full of cement. **Buddy** said his recommendation is to dig a hole and roll them in.

Brendan made a motion to approve a dumpster if needed for the Flannery Eagle Scout project to be funded by the Conservation Commission not to exceed \$300. Jordan seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

Remaining 2013 Budget

Buddy said they just approved funding a dumpster at Camp Flannery, they will have divers hand pulling milfoil at the lake, and there will be more water testing. **Jordan** said it looks like we will use the remaining 2013 budget. The Board agreed.

Milfoil

Buddy said Aqua Logic is the company that submitted a bid on the diving to remove milfoil. They will need at least two days of hand pulling at \$900 a day. **Buddy** said he wanted to treat for milfoil again this year but the approval process takes too long. If anyone sees any patches of milfoil they should let the Board know so they can relay the information to Amy Smagula with DES.

Lake Host

Buddy said the Lake Host project should be ending this year around the 20th of September. They have done a great job.

Review Lot Line revision plan for Canney Hill Woods - Marjorie E Chandler Rev. Trust – lot J-16, J-24-24, J-24-25, J-24-26, & J-24-27

Buddy said this is a lot line adjustment that will allow access to lot J-16 this does not abut wetlands or conservation property. The Board agreed they have no comments for the Planning Board.

Sunoco Property Update

Brendan said they met with Lelia Mellon with the National Parks Service at the property behind the Sunoco Station at 75 Route 13. They are proposing parking for 13 vehicles off Route 13. This site will be ADA approved. **Jordan** asked if Lelia with the Parks Service is here just to give advice. **Buddy** said yes She is helping them come up with a plan for this property and help us look into funding. **Brendan** said they will also have a space where they can put in kayaks and canoes. **Buddy** said they should be able to get support from Trout Unlimited and there should be funding to help make this site handicapped accessible. They will also need to find a name for this property.

Rail Road Project (RTP Grant)

Buddy said they started the project and have removed some trees and the construction crew will be in to stump the property. The RTP grant funding can be opted out by the Governor and she has already announced that funding through RTP will be available next year. **Jordan** asked if they could access the property from Route 13. **Buddy** said yes, they paid for access until December 31, 2013.

Non-Public Session

Brendan made a motion to go into non-public session to discuss possible land purchases under RSA 91-A: 3, II (d) and immediately adjourn after. Jordan seconded. Buddy, Jordan, and Brendan all voted yes.

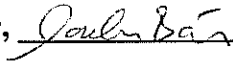
Brendan made a motion to come out of non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (d) and seal the minutes. Jordan seconded. Buddy, Jordan, and Brendan all voted yes.

Brendan made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Jordan Seconded. Vote yes 3-0.

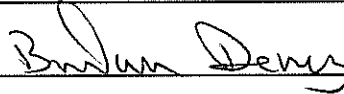
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Submitted by Kristen Austin

Next meeting will be held on October 8, 2013