

Winchester Conservation Commission Meeting May 19th 2016

Present were: Jon Baldvins, Gus Ruth, Bonnie Leveille, Paul Hubner, Tom Turant, John Hann, Norm Sims, Ben Kilanski, Ken Cole, Beth Pelton. Guest: Chris Steadman. Guest: Denis Murphy

Meeting was called to order at 7:04PM.

Ken was voted in as a regular member.

April minutes were reviewed. Jon made a motion to accept as read. John seconded. Motion passed.

Pisgah Park Grant

Friends of Pisgah have applied for a grant to fix trails around Kilburn Pond. John had been asked to write a letter of support. CC felt should come from the whole board. Motion made by Jon to send the letter of support from the CC. Ben seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Musterfield Park

Musterfield Park needs to be opened up more so it is less secluded and can be seen better by law enforcement. It was agreed that a work crew of whoever was available could go work on opening up the area on June 2nd from 3:00 – 6:00PM.

Property List.

Finalizing the Property List was tabled as Mim has been working on it and was not present. Paul would like a copy so he can do maintenance work as he is able.

Austin Property on Old Westport Road

DES did a site visit and the cutting had exceeded what is allowed by Shoreline Protection regulations. Property owners are to clean up the site and restore plantings as specified (letter on file)

Other DES site visits:

Denis Murphy explained DES findings on his and his neighbor's property, which is currently under review for violations by DES. The CC will try and advise Denis on how to proceed. The other properties visited did not have violations.

Treasurer's Report:

Ben stated that the balance is \$438.00 which is 32.8% of budget. Ben also provided figures required for the February minutes so that Bonnie can amend the minutes to reflect figures required at the time. Ben stated that Mim is going to a training. He will turn in the paper work to Amy.

May CC minutes cont.

Report from Chris Steadman of the Pipeline Coalition: Chris reported that private funds had been collected to pay \$15,000, Winchester's share of the amount to pay the legal fees of the Coalition.

Ben announced that the Pipeline Awareness folks have scheduled a clean up day at Pulpit Falls for Saturday the 21st and to meet at Town Hall at 12:00PM to carpool. Increased traffic at the area has caused a need for a cleanup. Bags will be provided by the Highway Department who will pick up the filled bags.

John stated that there needs to be something done about the 4 wheelers who access the area from the power line. A discussion was held on how to block access. Chris Steadman offered to donate a gate. The CC will have to check deed restrictions regarding this matter. Beth offered to contact Eversource to see if they would permit a gate in their right of way.

The CC was informed that Jack Marsh has someone coming to Winchester to present information about solar power for Town properties.

The Meeting House Hill building will not be moved to the cemetery until the new fiscal year. It was stated that Fred Weatherby would be more than likely moving the building.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM

Submitted by

Bonnie Leveille, Secretary

