

Boscawen Conservation Commission
Minutes
Tuesday June 16, 2015

Commissioners Present: Deborah Hinds, Tom Gilmore, Pamela Hardy
Commissioner Absent: Lisa Bissonnette
Alternate Commissioners Present: Norman LaPierre, Jeffrey Abbe

Others Present: Rose Fife, Recording Secretary, Alan Hardy and Kellee Jo Easler.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Jeffrey Abbey and Norman LaPierre will be voting members tonight.

Review and Acceptance of the April 16, 2015 minutes: Changes noted: Norman LaPierre was not present for this meeting. Others Present would also include Matt Lapron of the Planning Board. The public hearing was opened to the public and one person spoke. The Chair asked if there was any other comments and when none was presented the hearing was closed. A motion to approve the Minutes with changes noted was made by Tom Gilmore, seconded by Norman LaPierre and passed by a unanimous vote.

The Chair noted that Lisa Bissonnette, Vice Chair will no longer be attending.

Treasurer's Report:

Pamela Hardy gave a report which represented accounts through May 31st. There is \$173,654.08 in their account. There is \$4,700 in the operating account that needs to be transferred into the Conservation account. The Town Forest account has \$9,496.34 as a payment was made for the purchase of signs. They have not yet received the bill for the picnic table from Jeff Abbe.

Jeff Abbe submitted bills for the Town Forest. \$160.00 for the picnic table; \$31.91 for the concrete from National Lumber; and \$111 from A&B Lumber for the posts. The total came to \$302.91.

Norm LaPierre noted that the Conservation Commission does have a 9 foot pole saw and a brush saw stored at his home.

Jeff Abbe went to a Trails Committee meeting in Concord. He submitted trailhead maps that need to have lot lines notated on them on the Boscawen side. Tom Gilmore asked if the maps can be available on the town website. Deb Hinds said they could be.

Jeff Abbe brought up a lot that may be available to purchase. It is an 89 acre site contiguous with what the Conservation Commission already owns. He pulled the tax card on it. He is not sure what the owner would want for the property and the owner is not sure what the property is worth. It is in current use. The property is located in an AR zone (Agricultural Residential). The property is landlocked.

Jeff Abbe also noted that he will be walking the town line with the City of Concord's Land Surveyor Paul Gendron.

Discussion ensued on other properties that might be available. Alan Hardy said the assessment on the 89 acres was somewhere around \$93,000. He also said that before the town acquires property they have it appraised. Kellee Jo Easler printed out a copy of the need, which notes a right of way on the Bernier lot. Deb Hinds thought that they may have a surveyor look at the property. Alan Hardy wanted to know if the Board wanted to get a

price on the appraisal. Tom Gilmore wanted to move on it. Would the town offer the property owner an income tax break? Alan Hardy will look into.

Much discussion took place regarding lots near Weir Road, and the Concord/Boscawen/Webster town lines.

Old Business:

Colebrook Gravel: Alan Hardy brought them up to speed. The AOT will review their applications this week. The abutter (JJ Kelley LLC) is not in agreement with the ZBA's approval of the 50 foot setback. Alan Hardy explained the appeal process. Deb Hinds said that they put forth a recommendation but didn't put a time limit on when they see "after the fact" permits. Alan Hardy said that the Planning Board will be discussing how things will be checked going forward. He has no problem having Dick Edmonds give the town an annual update. Deb Hinds thinks someone should walk the property yearly or every couple of years for an update to make sure no one misses anything. Deb Hinds asked if their Board's comments should be sent to AOT and the Wetlands Board.

Motion to send their comments to AOT and the Wetlands Board was made by Tom Gilmore, seconded by Norm LaPierre and passed by a unanimous vote.

Deb noted that 2 months ago an abutter emailed that there was oil from the gravel pit going onto their property. The oil was found not to be coming from Colebrook Gravel. Tom Gilmore said that there should be reasonable noise restrictions in place. Norm LaPierre asked about the run off. It was also noted that the Code Enforcement Officer should be notified when they blast. Alan Hardy said that he would call them on this.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on July 21, 2015 at 7 pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm was made by Tom Gilmore, seconded by Norman LaPierre and passed by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by Rose Fife