## **Chichester Conservation Commission Monthly Meeting** Minutes of Meeting Sept 12th, 2019

Grange Hall, Selectmen's Office

Members: Bob Mann, Zack Boyajian, Blaze Konefal, Dawn Marshall, Voting Alternates: Jim Eggers, Gail Britton-Kojigian, and Charles Kojigian,

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

## Mailbag

1) Notice of NHACC Annual Meeting and Conference on 11/2/2019

Bob requests that anyone planning to attend the Conference who would like to be reimbursed for the fee from the Conservation Fund, please let him know as soon as possible.

2) Ground Water Management Permit Renewal Application for Rapid refill #135/Former Z-1 Express (no action required by CCC)

Other items in the mailbag included an Account Quick Report of CCC spending for 2019 YTD from the Town Treasurer, copies of thank you letters sent by Bob to the Chichester Fire Department and Chichester Road Agent for their help with the parking lot project at Shaw Pasture.

Minutes for meetings of 08/0819 and 9/10/19 were approved.

## Agenda

Land conservation: Update on easement on Main Street parcel. The CCC will be moving ahead with plans to have an appraisal done by Capital Appraisers to determine the value of the 26 acres being considered for easement. Conditions of the easement and stewardship fees are still under consideration. The CCC will be seeking volunteers for fundraising and grant writing proposals as plans move forward.

Spaulding Town Forest: The neighbors abutting the proposed parking area at the Town Forest were invited to review and comment on the preliminary plans drawn up by the Commission. None of the neighbors invited attended the meeting.

Carpenter Park: Zack reported that the installation of the new playground is mostly complete. He plans to spread some loam and grass seed later this fall. He has met with Kevin Gagne; the route of the snowmobile trail through the woods is still under consideration. — Now that the poison ivy behind the basketball court has been removed, plans for creating a buffer zone between the court and the woods is being considered.

Madeline Sanborn Conservation Area: The group continued discussion of short and long term management plans for Shaw Pasture and the MSCA. Blaze made a motion to expend available funds (from the parking lot project ) to have the hazardous trees along Main Street at Shaw Pasture removed. Zack seconded the motion, all were in favor of the motion.

It was decided that an inventory of other potentially hazardous trees on all the Town held properties should be compiled so that estimates for having the trees removed (using Forest Management funds) could be considered and presented as a Warrant Article at Town Meeting.

After some discussion it was agreed that it might be worth soliciting contractor bids for removing the metal debris on Shaw Pasture for consideration by the Commission.

Natural Resource Inventory: Zack fielded questions and comments about the Request for Proposals for an Updated NRI that he and Marianne worked on together. It was decided that we might want item # 10 priced out separately as an add/alt. Zack has prepared a cover letter and will solicit proposals from 3 to 6 contractors (proposals will be due by October 9th). The group will conduct interviews with several of the potential candidates before awarding the contract. A public meeting regarding use of Conservation Funds to cover the cost of the work, will be scheduled some time in November.

Other Business: Bob suggested the the Commission review the wetland setbacks (as outlined in the Town Ordinances) and consider presenting a simplified, stand alone version to the Planning Board as they continue to work on updating the Town Ordinances for the Master Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 pm. Next Monthly Meeting: Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019 at 7 pm. Work day scheduled for Saturday, September 21 at 9;00AM

Approved: Walret Manne