

Chichester Conservation Commission Monthly Meeting
Minutes of Meeting November 11, 2019
Grange Hall, Selectmen's Office

Voting Members: Marianne DiTaranto, Bob Mann, Zack Boyajian, Dawn Marshall

Non-voting member: Blaze Konefal

Voting Alternates: Jim Eggers, Gail Britton-Kojigian, and Charles Kojigian,

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Minutes for meeting of 10/10/19 were approved with edits.

Mailbag

- TD Bank statement for CD – balance \$255,029, CD matured 11/4, Blaze will request the Treasurer to renew.
- DES wetlands permit for Michael Hague, 87 King Road.
- Copy of booklet "Trails for People and Wildlife" from NHACC.

Agenda

Outreach: Three members attended DES wetlands permitting training 10/16. Note new wetlands rules become effective 12/15/19. Five members attended 11/2 NHACC annual meeting and training. Zack gave new CC training session and was installed as NHACC President for the coming year.

Land Conservation: Update on 169 Main St. conservation easement. Five Rivers is working on a project budget, to include easement cost, long-term stewardship, survey, legal, closing, and administrative costs. Owner has allowed time for SRCT to apply for grants with CCC assistance: Moose Plates, LCHIP, DES Watershed Protection. Easement will allow for corridors for footpaths and possible parking area. Parties OK with appraisal conclusions, so Capital Appraisal invoice will be paid.

Carpenter Park: Zach will contact TrailDawgs about wetlands permit application for moving the trail from current wetlands location in Carpenter Park south.

NRI Update: Four fee proposals received for mapping update with base costs as follows: Moosewood Ecological \$7,480; Central NHRPC 7,700; VHB 9,000; Ecosystem Management 20,580. Motion to award to Moosewood Ecological based on proposed fee, expertise and experience, all in favor. Further work to derive Conservation Focus Areas will be delayed until base maps are completed and additional work completed. Zach will notify Moosewood and other proposers of intent to award contract. Discussion about necessity to hold hearings prior to Conservation Fund withdrawals. Hearing for withdrawal of funds from Conservation Fund for NRI and 169 Main St. easement appraisal will be held at next meeting 12/9/19.

2020 warrant articles and budget: Requested operating budget to be \$900. (Current budget is \$700.) Increase due to greater training participation and public notice publishing cost. Motion to approve, all in favor
Proposed warrant articles with explanation in ():

1.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3200 for tree removal, field mowing, debris removal, and other maintenance at Map 4 Lot 2, also known as the Shaw Pasture. The sum of \$3200 is to be withdrawn from the Forest Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. (Removal of 3 big ash trees (\$1000), mowing (\$300), rock removal (\$400) and salvage of the pole shed (\$1500). Blaze will review pole shed demo with Trustees of Trusts.)

2.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000 for design services for vehicular access and parking at Map 1 Lots 27-1 and 33, also known as the Spaulding Town Forest. The sum of \$2000 is to be withdrawn from the Forest Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. (Includes wetlands delineation and wetlands permit. Gail has contacted Nancy Randell re wetlands delineation.)

3.Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a,I(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to 'qualified organizations' for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town

will retain no interest in the property. (Under review as to whether this is needed. Bob to detail CCC concerns in a letter to Selectmen, hoping for Town Counsel review.)

Motion to approve proposed warrant articles, vote Aye 6, Nay 1.

Easement stewardship: Blaze will monitor the Blackman easement before the end of year. Gail will research Terra Firma land/easement litigation insurance for discussion at a future meeting. Bob did easement stewardship walk in the easterly part of the Spaulding Forest with Rich Cook of 5RCT on 10/15. No problems noted.

Coming events:

11/14 Big Tree program with Kevin Martin at Grange Hall

11/21 Planning Board work session on zoning amendments, 6:30pm at Grange Hall.

11/23 Work day at Shaw Pasture – tree cleanup, wire removal, trail scoping, brush burning (?).

Next meeting 12/9 (Note change to 2nd Monday)

Minutes by M. DiTaranto, R. Mann

Approved: 