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## Conservation Commission Minutes 01/12/2017

### Chichester Conservation Commission Monthly Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays at 7 pm

Minutes of Meeting January 12, 2017

Grange Hall, Selectmen's Office

Members Present: Bob Mann, Blaze Konefal, Dawn Marshall, Zachary Boyajian, Jim Eggers, Frank Harrison, Marianne DiTaranto

Others Present: Lucille Noel and Carolee Davison, Library Trustees and Main Street Charrette team

#### Call to Order by Bob Mann at 7:07 pm.

Lucille Noel brought up the unsold parcel of land of the Shirley Waters Estate. Both the Conservation Commission and the Library are among the 6 beneficiaries of the estate. She asked if the Commission had considered making the property a conservation area. The Commission had visited the property during the fall and was considering options at that time and would take the issue up again.

Carolee Davidson brought up Charrette team's work at the town hall property and that they were intending on placing a gazebo in the corner of the lot in the cleared open space. She asked if the conservation commission could donate to the estimated \$12,000 cost. The Commission felt it needed to review the purposes of the conservation funds to see if and how they could participate.

Minutes of the meeting on December 8, 2016 were approved.

#### Mailbag

The mail bag included a thank you from Five Rivers Conservation Trust for our previous donation, Shirley Waters Estate accounting from Flood Sheehan and Tobin attorneys, Conservation Fund Treasurer's report, Eversource notice of power line clearing on RFL8 from Loudon to Route 28 and an announcement of Five Rivers Conservation Trust winter wildlife walk.

#### Agenda

- a. **Public Outreach** Frank Harrison provided a demonstration of potential website improvements to include ARC GIS online mapping of town properties and information that could be provided about town own lands, conservation easement and allowable uses. More development and input is needed. Frank will talk with Fred Shaw about his ideas.
- b. **Land Conservation:** Discussion about Blackman Easement and then the Hunting signs that are posted and the response from Steve Walker of the LCIP Program who we informed of the situation. Further discussion with the land owner is needed, but should be tactful. Zack Boyajian sent the letters to 6 land owners on and adjacent to Lynxfield Pond, but had not received any responses. He would investigate other land owners around the pond and prepare letters. Calls would also be appropriate follow up.
- c. **Spaulding Town Forest:** Discussion around the proposed conservation easement on the Spaulding town Forest and Five Rivers Conservation Trust who is considering accepting the easement. The Town will need to approve the easement at Town Meeting in March. Example easement language was discussed. Zack Boyajian made a motion "To see if the town will vote to place a conservation easement on the properties Map 1 Lot 33 and Map 1 Lot 27-A (AKA Spaulding Town Forest), such easement to be held by a qualified conservation organization." The motion was seconded by Dawn Marshall. Motion passed 7-0.
- d. **Carpenter Park:** Mr. Boyajian gave update on Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant activities including the park service's building, picnic area, trail, and playground. Zack Boyajian asked Frank Harrison if he could help design a new entrance for the park. Frank was willing to help.

e. **Madeline Sanborn Conservation Area:** Nothing new.

f. **Easement Stewardship:** Nothing new.

g. Bobdiscussed the Commissions Annual Report.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm. *Minutesprepared by Zachary Boyajian*

Next Meeting: Thursday February 8, 2017 at 7 pm, Public Invited

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