Chichester Conservation Commission Monthly Meeting
Minutes of Meeting Dec 9, 2019
Grange Hall, Selectmen’s Office

Members: Bob Mann, Zack Boyajian, Gordon Jones, Blaze Konefal, (Dawn Marshall, non voting member) —
Voting Alternates: Jim Eggers, Gail Briton-Kojigian, Charles Kojigian

Call to Order: 7:02pm

Mailbag: Statement from TD Bank for CD maturing 2/3/19
Out going mail to board of selectmen regarding warrant article on directing Conservation Funds to qualified third parties.
Bill from Mr Leonard for the sign for Shaw Pasture for $74.00.
Solicitation from Five Rivers Conservation Trust for additional donations. (Decided to let the 2 previous donations during 2019 stand without additional donations)

Minutes: for meeting of Nov11th 2019 were reviewed and approved.

Public Hearing: to discuss the withdrawal of $10,300 from the Conservation Fund for updating of the NRI mapping ($8,300) and appraisal of 169 Main Street property ($2,000) under consideration for a conservation easement. No members of the public attended. Therefore, the hearing was closed at 7:06.

Members discussed the proposals for the mapping update. Members agreed that the contract would be awarded to Moosewood Ecological as decided at the Nov 11th meeting and that Jeff Littlefield would be invited to the January 13th 2020 meeting to discuss the process of updating the NRI base maps.

Zack moved that $7,480 would be taken from the Conservation Fund to have Moosewood Ecological provide us with a mapping update for the NRI. Gail seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Land conservation: Discussion of Humphrey property easement. Bob moved that we pay the 2,000 to Capital Appraisal invoice for the appraisal of the 169 Main Street parcel out of Conservation funds. Gordon 2nd — all in favor.

Gordon led a discussion of proposed development on the 170-acre Schreier Farm Property on Pleasant Street —- Gordon relayed information about a planning board meeting he attended last Thursday where plans for a 22 house development was being discussed. Controversy over the possibility of using land slated to be protected under easement with NRCS that could be used as open space with the cluster house development.

Zack will reach out to the owners (who live in Litchfield NH) of the land abutting Carpenter Park (formerly Ordway) to see if they might be interested in land conservation.

Town-owned Properties: Zack presented some of the vacant town properties that the CCC sees have conservation value. The conservation commission is supposed to be notified by selectmen in case the commission has an interest in conservation where properties may be taken for taxes. Zack will present properties of interest at the Jan 13th meeting. These properties might be individually considered for their potential conservation value.

Warrant article change: Change amount indicated on the warrant article for maintenance on Shaw Pasture to $5,000.00 after receiving an estimate for removal of the pole barn and other debris. The commission will continue to invite others to bid on the barn removal for comparison purposes before making any decisions regarding award of the proposal.

Field Conservation Management Plan:
Zack proposed that we work on a management plan for Shaw Pasture, and some discussion ensued on whether it was worth it to take F&G $ for mowing until we’ve made a decision regarding hunting and other F&G requirements.

**Terra Firma:** Some discussion of Terra Firma insurance or some similar insurance for municipalities who hold easements on properties. Zack will look into whether NHACC would consider some group insurance to cover easements disputes for municipalities that are easement holders.

**Possible Wetland Ordinance Violation:** Reviewed a plan for Mike’s Affordable Auto to discuss possible infringement of wetland setbacks and other violations of town ordinances. The group agreed that this would be an issue the CCC should bring to the attention of the selectmen and possibly involve someone from DES to review the site.

**Stewardship Easement Monitoring:** Decision to review easement language of Blackman easement at the January 13th meeting.

Dawn made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 Zack 2nd the motion.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm**

Minutes by G Briton-Kojigian, edited by B Mann

Approved

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