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Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes of the January 20, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Brown (Chair), Ruth White, Michael Gelcius, Tim Paradis, Dan Allan, Andrew Deegan, Jane McMurrich

MEMBERS ABSENT: Laura Alexander, Mark Vernon

STAFF PRESENT: Lucy St. John (Planning & Zoning Administrator)

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Stanley

Call to Order: Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.

Roll Call: Chair Brown called the roll.

Approval of Minutes:

IT WAS MOVED (Michael Gelcius) AND SECONDED (Andrew Deegan) to approve the minutes of December 16, 2015, as circulated. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Permit Applications & Summary Sheets

- ✓ Shoreland Permit Application. Woods, William and Linda. Property located at 101 Murray Pond Road. TM 045-004-000. Project Description: To create lawn area and extend or widen the driveway. Preconstruction impervious area within 250 reference line is 11.6% and post-construction is 14.6%. Application received by the Town Dec 18, 2015. Project within 250 feet of Little Sunapee Lake and Murray Pond.
- ✓ Shoreland Permit Woods on Murray Pond Road TM 045-004-000 received Dec 18, 2015. Project description: To create lawn area and extend or widen the driveway. Preconstruction impervious area with 250 reference line is 11.6% and post-construction is 14.6%. Project within 250 feet of Little Sunapee Lake and Murray Pond.

Planning & Zoning Administrator's Report – Lucy St. John

Ms. St. John gave a brief update. The Planning Board is going to have a second public hearing – proposal of amendments to the Zoning Board which will be on the ballot.

Easements and Land Acquisitions

- *Pleasant Street* – Chair Brown gave a brief from the Planning Board meeting. Concerns about the west side where the trails are behind the old Middle School, because of the conservation easement on the property. On the 16.2 acres there is an easement. The 3 acres boarding the new side walk on Pleasant Street, zoned commercial, does not. That is where the real value is. Assessed value is \$319,000. Main reason for acquiring land is the potential trail expansion and protection for the Pleasant Lake watershed. Owners want to sell as a package. Purchase and sales agreement is ready.

Motion

IT WAS MOVED (Michael Gelcius) AND SECONDED (Dan Allan) to go forward with the Pleasant Street East and West (TM 074-047-00 and 073-047-000) land acquisition project and sign the agreement, as well as, prepare a check for \$500 deposit (payable to Coldwell Banker) to be taken from CC checking account, sign purchase and sales agreement with conditions and moving forward on a warrant article; with town approval.

All in favor: Chair Brown, Mike Gelcuis, Ruth White, Jane McMurrich, Tim Paradis, Dan Allan

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- *Davis Hill Road Project* – Details with the realtor have not been updated due to the realtor being out of town. Access to the trails are still locked. The only risk to be found with all requirements satisfied if we decide not to purchase is losing \$500 deposit.

Motion

IT WAS MOVED (Michael Gelcius) AND SECONDED (Andrew Deegan) to approve the adjustment of the property lines to accommodate the addition of the wedge and the removal of an equal amount of land. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Trail Maps/ Updates

- *Phillips Trail* – The area has been mowed.
- Follow up with Anderson for community service.

Other Business

- ✓ Removal of display cases and the birds.

Motion

IT WAS MOVED (Chair Brown) AND SECONDED (Michael Gelcius) to ask Elkins Fish and Game to be the guardians of the birds display. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

This year there will be three appointments up for renewal and one open position.

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission would be held on February 17, 2016 at 8:30am.

Motion to Adjourn

IT WAS MOVED (Andrew Deegan) AND SECONDED (Michael Gelcius) to adjourn the meeting. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Richtmyer, Recording Secretary
Town of New London