

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting- November 21, 2013

Present: Valerie Germain-Chairwoman, Jon Manley, John Baybutt, Joe MacGregor

Chairwoman Germain called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

1. Minutes

- a. The minutes from the September 19, 2013 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.
- b. The minutes from the October 17, 2013 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

2. Old Business

- a. **Greenfield-Bennington line Perambulation-** The Commissioners set a tentative date of Sunday, December 8, 2013 at 9 a.m. John Cronin is now available to help the Commissioners. John Baybutt will contact Mr. Cronin to see his availability for this date and will notify the Commissioners either way. Chairwoman Germain will notify the Greenfield Selectmen regarding the date of the perambulation and to invite the Greenfield Conservation Commissioners on the walk.
- b. **Sean Campbell's Eagle Project-** Joe MacGregor reported that the damaged bench has been replaced.
- c. **Brochure & ID stands-** Joe MacGregor has made ten ID stands. Chairwoman Germain will look into posting the information on the stands.
- d. **Southwest Region Planning Natural Resource Priorities Survey-** Chairwoman Germain has submitted the survey. She thanked the Commissioners for their input on the survey.
- e. **LCHIP Grant-**
 - i. Chairwoman Germain reported that Phil Germain had completed drawing plans for access to the Contoocook River at the end of Bible Hill Road. Kristie LaPlante has submitted the grant application and provided the necessary CD of information. The Commissioners extended their gratitude to Kristie LaPlante for her help with the grant submission.
 - ii. John Baybutt voiced concerns regarding proposed materials. Commissioners are protected as a Board by the Town insurance.

3. Other

- a. Jon Manley gave each Commissioner a fold out brochure for invasive weeds of North America.

- b. With regret the Commissioners acknowledged Rose Melanson's resignation. Chairwoman Germain will ask Rose to submit her resignation in writing.
- c. John Baybutt will contact David Blanchard and ask him to submit his resignation in writing.
- d. Joe MacGregor reported that he is hoping to purchase a rotary cutter on sale for trail maintenance.
- e. Chairwoman Germain reported that the budget for 2014 has been submitted and kept the same as last year.
- f. The Commissioners voted to pay the association membership fees.
- g. The Commissioners were notified by DES regarding Monadnock Paper Mills harvesting of timber.
- h. Joe MacGregor proposed the Commissioners submit a proposal to direct the Selectmen to allocate funds collected from gravel tax to the Conservation Commissioners. Joe MacGregor will meet with the Selectmen regarding this proposal.

There being no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

Karen Bartlett

Conservation Commission Recording Secretary