

Alexandria Conservation Commission

Minutes July 30, 2014

Members present: Kate Barrett, Bob Piehler, Don Gagnon, Jenny Tuthill & Don Sharp, BOS
Representative Excused: Steve Whitman, Janet Towse and George Whittaker
Absence: Ernie Lamos

Meeting minutes from 6-25-2014 were not approved because members at the July meeting were not in sufficient number for a quorum.

Financials: Operating: \$626.00; Conservation Fund \$22,738.68 with \$90.00 accounts payable. Kate clarified that the CC account has not been change to another bank.

Permits: No new permits. The Lincoln permit # 2012-02787, 914 West Shore is under investigation by NHDES, wetland specialist, compliance officer Jay Aube. The Bahl permit #2013-00403 is in order per NHDES, Mr. Thomas.

Review of the Bog Road ordinance continues under the BOS. Bob asked if town highway records are delineated by road for cost of materials and labor and is it known the number of vehicles using the road. Don Sharp stated there are no records specific to Bog Road's cost for road maintenance and travel information. Bob suggested a traffic count and a worksheet showing materials used and labor costs. This would be an approach to control the amount of sand, gravel and time used on Bog Road. The width could be set to prevent materials spread beyond what is needed. Don Sharp said "you can't put a price on clean water".

Don Gagnon is working on the kiosk project. The objective is to involve the Boy Scouts.

The BOS have approved Kate for another 3 year term and Bob has submitted his request.

The Chapman lot, according to reliable residents was approved for a Town Forest in 1986. No official written document has surfaced. Jenny suggested the Historical Society. Kate will inquire.

NHACC field training series is interesting with wetlands identification on 8-21 in Lyme; learning to live with beavers on 9-12 in Merrimack, (Especially appropriate for Alexandria residents); Invasive plant workshop on 10-17 in Newmarket. Jenny will locate place and time for meetings.

The GIS project is interesting and important but not possible at this time.

It is not known who left the planking on the bank at the Welton Falls brook when the bridge was improved. It is a section of a Class VI road which requires plans and permission from the BOS. According to Selectman Sharp no plans were submitted to the BOS. It is important the planks be removed but it is not the responsibility of the CC to investigate work performed on a Class VI road.

The discussion regarding an administrative clerk was postponed.

The Annual Meeting of the Forest Society is Sept. 27th in Londonderry. The registration cost is \$45.00 before Aug. 31st and the final deadline is Sept 19th, the cost is \$50.00.

NH Fish & Game is working on a pilot program for posting turtle crossing signs. Kate requested Alexandria be considered in the program with the approval of the BOS.

Tom Keegan, Bristol requested the CC help at Hazard Day on Aug. 2nd. No one was available. Jenny mentioned that she was unaware of the day, seeing no signs or brochures in town.

Don G. made a motion to adjourn at 8:10pm with a second by Jenny.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Kate Barrett, Acting Sec'y (Minutes are draft)