

Alexandria Conservation Commission

Minutes April 23, 2014

Members present: Janet Towse, Kate Barrett, Bob Piehler, Ernie Lamos Alternate & Don Sharp, BOS Representative

Excused: Steve Whitman, Don Gagnon, Sue Hunt & George Whittaker

Financials: Operating: \$690.00; Conservation Fund \$21591.55

Permits: None

The meeting opened at 7:00pm by Kate Barrett. The March minutes' approval was held over until May.

The Conservation Fund balance and procedures were discussed with the Town Treasurer, Melanie Marzola. TD Bank was charging \$8.00 for each check written without notification to the Town Treasurer. It was decided to change the Account to the Franklin Money Market where interest can be applied and checking writing has no fee unless there are more than six checks written per month. Melanie would like the CC to have more information about the deposits and withdrawals. More work to be done.

Kate has the Bahl/Copath permit application and the approval from NHDES.

NHDES will review and investigate the Lincoln operation for a new house and the alteration of terrain on both sides of West Shore Rd.

It is important to engage new members to the CC. A couple of name and ideas were discussed. This will continue. We welcomed Ernie Lamos.

The BOS intend to meet with the Town Hwy Agent. Kate wanted to have the CC involved especially as it pertains to Bog Rd. The Bog Road and the Town property has involved hours of time without appreciable success. However, the highway budget will experience a shortfall by year's end if the department continues to place the Bog Rd as a priority for gravel and time. Not to mention spoiling of the well documented Alexandria Bog's natural resources.

The BOS are addressing the road problem and contemplating an additional Bog Rd ordinance. Kate believes the CC ought to have representation at the meetings. The idea did not have full support by the CC members.

A wildlife educational kiosk at the Town property was discussed. The CC would need input from the BOS for the project.

The Chapman Lot formerly owned by Mr. Pitman is being considered a Town Forest. While the proposal appeared on a Warrant Article at a 1986 Town Meeting, there are no minutes to conclude the warrant passed. There is a possibility the land will be conserved. Further work is needed.

Janet's thoughts were that a NRI for the Fowler River & Smith River watershed might be considered in the future when an update to the Patten Brook watershed would be done.

By-Laws update and elections were delayed to May. Members whose term is up will need to write the BOS for reappointment.

Nick Coates, Ex. Director of the NHACC visited Alexandria. The fellow is enthusiastic, offered support and is developing ideas for education and appreciation for conservation.

Respectively submitted,
Kate Barrett
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