

Winchester Conservation Commission Meeting October 2016

Present were: Gus Ruth, Bonnie Leveille, Norm Sims, Paul Hubner, Jon Baldvins, John Hann, Joe Faloretti, Ben Kilanski, Mim Johnson, Tom Turant.

Meeting was called to order at 7:04PM.

A large group of townspeople were present, having been told there was a joint meeting of the CC with the Zoning Board, to discuss the shooting range. Gus explained that he did not know how this information was obtained but that the shooting range was on the agenda and people could stay for our regular meeting. Mim then offered to read the copy of the CC's letter of concern sent to the Zoning Board regarding the shooting range. (Letter on file). After hearing the letter, folks in attendance applauded the stand of the CC in this matter.

September minutes were reviewed. Bonnie will correct that she had typed Mim instead of Kim Gordon. John Hann said, in reference to the inspection of Piney Woods, that he agreed to do the Pied Property and Gus would do Piney Woods and that he would send the information to Bonnie. Motion to accept the minutes as amended.

The CC was informed that DES has closed the case on 10 Lawrence Street.

Ben stated that the CC Annual meeting will take place on November 12th in Pembroke.

Ben stated that the CC Annual dues of \$333.00 are due. Jon made a motion to pay the dues. Mim seconded. Motion passed.

Ben stated that the NH Timber Association requested a donation. The CC has donated \$100.00 in the past. Mim made a motion to donate \$100.00. Paul seconded. Motion passed.

Ben stated that the BOS have approved the CC budget. The Budget Committee will meet on October 19th to approve the budget.

Ben stated that the Ashuelot River Advisory Board has asked for a donation of \$100.00. Ben asked for written documentation to submit with the CC's financials. Ben made a motion to donate \$100.00. Jon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A discussion was held on Gus having been approached by a member of the BOS concerning mud bogging on route 78. Gus took pictures stating the area is next to a stream. Ben stated that mud bogging has taken place there for years. Consensus was that it is a police matter.

Norm asked for an update on the building at Meeting House Hill. It was stated that the roof is going to the Cemetery. The demolition contract was awarded to Dan Pratt who has turned in his paperwork to the BOS. The BOS will inspect the area after the

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removal is done. When the project is completed the CC will notify the Society for the Protection of NH Forests.

Barry Montgomery presented information about a three state green initiative. Norm asked if Barry could look into the group further and perhaps have a representative come and talk to the CC.

Gus then asked if anyone from the audience had any questions to ask the CC. Barry stated that a group of Ashuelot folks had met at the Sheridan House and formed the Ashuelot Village LLC under Paul Dobbs. A brief discussion followed where folks from Ashuelot expressed concern that the town did not support Ashuelot issues in the same manner as the rest of Winchester.

The CC was asked what the liability was of kayakers parking along the Ashuelot River. Mim stated that it was a State road and felt that would fall under the jurisdiction of the State.

Paul brought up having handicap access to the Dan Cole Pavilion. He needs more crushed stone to improve access. He stated that there is old asphalt at Pump #3 that he could use to create a solid base. Ben will ask Dale Gray if Paul can have the material.

Gus stated that the CC should discuss having a Vice Chairman.

Motion to adjourn at 8:02PM.

Submitted by:
Bonnie Leveille, Secretary

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