

Conservation Commission Meeting, July 11, 2018

Members Present: Tim Copeland, Pat Elwell, Brad Jones, Allison Knab, Dan McAuliffe

Non-Members Present: Paul Deschaine, Lisa Graichen, Amanda Stone

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes:

- Tim motioned, Dan seconded a motion to accept the minutes of May 9, 2018, as written. All voted in favor.
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- Regarding the April 11 minutes, the following corrections were discussed regarding the Smyk house: the endowment can be used at any time; if the endowment remains untouched for 10 years it will cover upkeep costs; the town would not conduct the sale of the property if the bequest is not accepted.

Identifying Land Conservation with regard to Water Resources

- Lisa Graichen, the Climate Adaptation Program Coordinator for UNH Cooperative Extension and NH Sea Grant, and Amanda Stone, Extension Specialist, Natural Resources & Land Conservation, also of the UNH Cooperative Extension, presented the Coastal NH Land Conservation Plan Water Resources maps and data.
- In 2016 The Nature Conservancy update of the Land Conservation Plan focused on water resources, with an examination of water quality, flood storage, protecting coastal properties, and public water supplies. This included looking at opportunities for land conservation and how it can protect water resources (e.g. allowing areas for salt marshes to migrate)
- This has been funded by the NH Coastal Program. They hope towns will incorporate the data into Master Plans, open space plans, etc.
- The speakers passed out a brochure on "Identifying Land Conservation and Restoration Opportunities to Protect Water Resources and Communities."
- Three maps were presented: "Single and Multiple Benefit Areas," "Flood Storage and Risk Mitigation Opportunity Areas," and "Buffers for Water Quality Protection." The maps include conservation areas, property lines, wetlands etc.
- The Commission discussed: disseminating the information to impacted land owners, creating education resources and education programs, adding the information to the Natural Resources Inventory, adding the information to the Master Plan, identifying potential conservation areas and priorities.
- The speakers plan to discuss some of the CC ideas and return with updates/possible presentations and homeowner information.

Mail

- DES sent a Shoreland Impact Permit for 8 Oxbow Road with 13 conditions.

- The Commission received an email asking to include Best Buy energy saver information on our website. As it did not come from a Best Buy email and we receive many of these, we decided not to add it to our website.

Municipal Updates

- The BOS has approved a request from DES to place Emerald Ash Borer traps around the Town Forest.
- The Smyk house bequest is still awaiting responses from the state.
- The Master Plan committee had its first meeting and will meet the second Monday of each month.

Tim motioned to adjourn at 8:28; Dan seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Allison Knab, Secretary