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Town of Grantham
Grantham Conservation Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2010

Chairman Richard L. Hocker called the Conservation Committee meeting to order on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 7:04 p.m. The meeting was held in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Room at Grantham Town Hall located at 300 Route 10 South in Grantham, NH.

PRESENT

Chairman Richard (Dick) Hocker
Andy Eastman
Adele Furdyna
Tom Vogel
Jeremy Turner
Merle Schotanus (Alt.)

ABSENT

Pat Woolson (Alt.)

Members of the public: Selectmen Warren Kimball; Kelly Kippenberger; Dexter Kancer; Chris Traegde and Charlie Hirschberg, CLD Engineers.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Hocker asked the Committee members if they had reviewed the minutes from the March 15, 2010 meeting and if there were any additions/corrections.

Eastman noted that on page 2, first paragraph, fifth line down should read: “Eastman said that he sent a letter to Mr. Miller on the 19th of January and asked him if he knew of someone or community who had been through the process of replacing a monument”.

Furdyna stated the sentence following on page 2, first paragraph, seventh line down should read: “Eastman went on to say two (2) days later he received a phone call from Mr. Miller that he was very excited about the situation and the opportunity to volunteer his initial time to help out the Grantham Conservation Committee”.

There being no further corrections *motion was made by Andy Eastman and second by Adele Furdyna. Unanimously Approved*

New Business

Sediment Basin Design for ECA, Charlie Hirschberg, CLD Engineers

Charlie Hirschberg stepped forward and stated that he was doing a couple of projects for the Eastman Community Association and that he would like to discuss one of them at this time with the GCC. Hirschberg displayed some plans to the members and stated

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that this project was going to be culvert replacement and adding some sediment collection basins.

Hirschberg stated that all the repairs were to take place on the west side of Eastman Lake along the main inlet where the problem with sediment has been going into the inlet. Hirschberg told the Committee there were Wetlands and Shoreland permits being submitted with regards to this project and preceded to show the members where the culverts would be placed. Hirschberg stated that there were six (6) sites to be repaired, and went on to discuss with the Committee plans to complete the project over time.

Other Business

Trail development on the Kimball Lot:

Dexter Kancer stated that he had a map with him this evening to show the Committee what Jeremy Turner, Chris Traegde and himself have been working on with regards to the trails and explain the progress that has taken place. Kancer said they wanted to discuss goals they would like to achieve before opening up the trails to the public.

Kancer said at this point they have the trail mapped out which is approximately four (4) miles around and one (1) mile of the same trail is covered at this point. Jeremy Turner added that part of the proposal that was discussed back in September 2009 of Phase I was basically to lay out, mark and establish a low impact trail. Turner stated to the Committee that he had been working with Kancer and Traegde in this process making sure everything is in the best interest with the forestry plan and proposal.

Turner said at this point they decided to push their efforts into the northeast part of the property and wanted to consolidate their efforts on just making a good trail with well thought out effort for long term management. Turner pointed out on the map to the members the area that is functioning as a trail so far due to the time spent on this from Kancer, Traegde and himself but especially to Kancer and Traegde for putting a lot of “extra hours” of labor into this project and is 80% complete thus far.

Further discussion continued with regards to the trails and members meeting to walk the trail before the next Conservation meeting in May.

Planning for Conservation sub-committee-continued discussion:

Adele Furdyna said this is a continuation since the last GCC meeting and she has since contacted Pat Woolson and Merle Schotanus with regards to updates since they last spoke. Part of the updates is what areas to define as wetland inventory and areas that the town may have regulations for development on. Furdyna stated there might be more wetlands on these properties than the older maps show and they need to look into how these areas should be protected in relation to the planning and zoning regulations.

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Furdyna stated that it was nice to have Selectmen Warren Kimball here this evening and felt it was nice working with the Selectmen and other members of town with establishing a working relationship and felt it was educational for all. Schotanus stated they all need to continue their focus on efforts carrying out recommendations to be adopted and maybe setting up in November 2010 going forward to adjust for the following years to come. Schotanus discussed his ideas further with the Committee.

Schotanus also stated that he felt the Committee should take the initiative to go to the Selectmen and recommend that a Conservation Commission member be assigned to the Planning Board ex officio' at this time or however they would like to do it to make sure the GCC has that cross-coordination that they all are looking for. Schotanus also felt they all need to sit down and work out a comprehensive education plan.

Schotanus voiced his opinion that the Conservation Committee should take a motion to adopt this plan and made the motion, second by Adele Furdyna. Hocker asked if all were in favor. *Unanimously Approved*

2010 Perambulation – Status for 22-23 April 15, 2010 efforts:

Andy Eastman stated that he would be meeting this coming Friday morning, April 23rd with Grantham Selectman Warren Kimball and David Grobe of Plainfield as the drivers of two (2) trucks to be used along with Plainfield Selectmen Rob Taylor, Plainfield Administrator Steve Hallorin, NH Land Surveyors Association Chair Gerald Miller and others from each of the two towns to search again for the original town monument marker. Eastman said that David Grobe had also made arrangements to get some funding from Plainfield to help with costs. All are hoping they will be successful in finding the monument this time around.

Smith Lot Forest Management Plan and problem:

Hocker stated the paperwork has been signed and sent back to TEMCO and currently waiting to receive a signed copy back from them. Hocker went on to say there was a situation that developed with all the storms we had in February/March of this year where large pines came down across Dunbar Hill Road and ended up on the Smith Lot, which put it in violation of the easement but has since been corrected.

Frog Pond status

Hocker stated because of the position with the Selectmen, there would be a plan to walk the property on April 26th with Andy Deegan from Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust. Turner asked if the public had a right to drive through Eastman and park there to walk around to Frog Pond because if not he did not understand why the Committee is spending all this time on this project. Schotanus said that it is an issue, but an issue that can be solved. Further discussion ensued with members and to be continued at the next meeting.

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Shoreland Protection Ordinance status:

Hocker stated he had attended a meeting on March 24, 2010 and indicated to the Selectmen that the Conservation Committee would like to have them issue the authority contained in that document the provisions asked for. Hocker said he had not heard anything back from the Selectmen at this time.

Handouts

None

Message from Chair Richard L. Hocker:

Hocker announced the resignation from Adele Furdyna will be the first of May from the Conservation Commission and wanted to thank her for her years of service and it is with great regret they see her leave. Furdyna stated that it has been her pleasure as well to serve with the commission over the years.

Adjournment

Hocker asked the members if anyone had any more questions. There being none motion by Tom Vogel and second by Jeremy Turner; ***the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:40p.m.***

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on May 17, 2010 in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha M. Menard
Clerk