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Town of Grantham
Grantham Conservation Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2010

Chairman Richard L. Hocker called the Conservation Committee meeting to order on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7:02p.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

ABSENT

Pat Woolson (Alt.)
Jeremy Turner
Merle Schotanus (Alt.)

Members of the public: Selectmen Warren Kimball

Approval of Minutes

Chair Hocker asked the Committee members if they had reviewed the minutes from the January 18, 2010 meeting and if there were any additions/corrections. Andy Eastman noted one word misspelled which was corrected. There being no further corrections motion was made by Adele Furdyna and second by Tom Vogel.

Unanimously Approved

New Business

None

Other Business

Planning for Conservation Sub-Committee Report:

Hocker asked if there were any updates to report and Furdyna stated yes and went on to explain to the committee her findings thus far and passed out some information to the members. Before closing on this topic Hocker stated that Furdyna, Schotanus and Woolson had been doing a great job on this project and more would be discussed at the next meeting in April. Vogel stated that he looked forward to reading the material and that it was well set-up.

2010 Perambulation – Funding effort:

Hocker asked Andy Eastman to speak on this subject. Eastman stated to the members that he and a few others had been to the area in question four (4) times to no avail and mentioned to committee members that he had spoke to Hocker about his findings and what the next step should be. Eastman went on to say that the need to have a monument

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(Which was a large granite pillar that showed the town line dividing of Grantham and Plainfield) is there since they are unable to locate the existing one after the last visit.

Eastman explained to the committee that he had mentioned to Hocker that he had contacted an individual named Gerald Miller who is the Chairman of the N.H. Land Surveyors Association (the Municipal Boundary Committee) from Hampton, N.H. who is responsible for such requests as finding perambulations boundaries and monuments. 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. Eastman went on to say two (2) days later he received a phone call from Mr. Miller stating that he was very excited about the situation and the opportunity to volunteer his initial time to help out the Grantham Conservation Committee.

After further exchanges of information, Mr. Miller met on February 10, 2010 with David Grobe (town of Plainfield), Hocker and Eastman. The three (3) discussed all information pertaining to the situation and future costs etc. It was decided that another perambulation should take place since there was a stronger chance of finding the marker.

Hocker stated that he would like to propose at this time for the committee to appropriate (not to exceed) the amount of \$1000.00 to pay for Mr. Miller's time and effort for future work to be done with regards to the monument. *Richard Hocker made the motion and second by Furdyna.*

Unanimously Approved

Smith Lot:

Hocker stated the committee had discussed the management plan for the Smith lot, which is one of the elements, included in the easement and had received a proposal from Jeremy Turner's company for the work. Hocker then proposed a motion that the committee fund TEMPCO in the amount of \$1600.00 for purposed securing a Forest Management Plan for the Smith lot. *Motion made by Richard Hocker and second by Adele Furdyna.*

Unanimously Approved

Frog Pond status:

Hocker stated that he has met with the Selectmen and today with Bob Peterson and Ken Ryder and discussed and secured their decisions to proceed with the Conservation Commissions for Conservation Agencies. Hocker went on to discuss future issues with "ditch" materials and the possibilities of an area as where to put these materials for all of Grantham residents to use.

There was further discussion with committee members and will be continued at the April meeting.

Shoreland Protection Ordinance status:

Hocker stated that as most of the committee members knew that they had lost their authority in June of 2009 and had proposed this past December 2009 to the Selectmen to

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grant the Conservation Committee the authority to continue what they have been doing under Article III K: Shoreland/River Overlay District (Authority & Purpose) of the Town of Grantham Zoning Ordinance. Hocker stated that all the committee wants to have is the same authority they have always had. Further discussion ensued on this subject with committee members.

Miscellaneous (Trust Fund)

Hocker stated that at Town Meeting on March 9, 2010 another \$10,000.00 was added to the Land Preservation Trust Fund.

Handouts

None

Adjournment

Hocker asked the members if there were any further questions. There being none *motion by Andy Eastman and second by Tom Vogel; the committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.*

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on April 19, 2010 in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha M. Menard
Clerk