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Town of Grantham Grantham Conservation Commission

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 19, 2015

Chairman Hocker called the Grantham Conservation Commission to order on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 7:05 p.m. The meeting was held in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at Grantham Town Hall located at 300 Route 10 South in Grantham, NH.

Present: Chairman Richard Hocker, Susan Buchanan, Laura Nagy, and David Wood Rich
Absent: Rich Kazeta

Members of the Public: Peter Blakeman

ADMINISTRATIVE

Approval of Minutes for the September 22, 2015 Meeting

Hocker asked if there were any additions, corrections, or modifications to the draft minutes for the August 31, 2015 meeting. Typo's were corrected.

A motion was made by Buchanan to approve the September 22, 2015 minutes as corrected; second by Nagy. There being no further discussion, the motion was put to a vote.

Unanimously Approved & Accepted

NEW BUSINESS

Peter Blackeman. Engineer Blackeman appeared before the Commission to explain the work that the Eastman Community Association planned to accomplish on the West Cove "B" beach to stem the continual erosion of the beach area. Basically the work would create a better way for boats beached in that area to get to the water without the continuing erosion. After Engineer Blackeman's presentation the Wetlands application presented by the Eastman Community Association was signed by the Chair with Commission member concurrence.

OTHER BUSINESS

Brookside Park

Trail work

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Trail work scheduled for 16 and 17 Oct was accomplished with good turnout on both days. At this point the trails in the park are in good condition and usable by the general public if reached by the public. A mucky section will need further attention.

Bridge Discussion

Activity by Wood and Kaszeta uncovered a problem with the silting of the west side bridge support. A decision was made to move that support to a nearby erratic. Space was cleared for the support. The next step will be to fashion forms on both ends of the bridge and begin the process of creating the concrete support for the bridge. A 6-8 foot secondary wood bridge will be needed to get the tail from the end of the iron bridge to the bank area.

Based on discussions by the Selectmen at their 10 Oct meeting the Commission was requested to prepare a letter outlining the cost elements of the project and indicate what funds would be used for each element.

In order for the Commission to proceed with the Bridge project it is necessary for the Commission to appropriate funds to cover the cost of proceeding. A motion was made by Nagy to appropriate a sum of \$2000 from Account 01-4611-2-210 for materials, supplies and rental equipment if necessary with the Selectmen as agents to expend the funds. .Seconded by Wood.

There being no further discussion a vote was taken.

Unanimously Approved.

GCC New Member and Remaining Vacancies

The Commission currently has 2 vacancies. Buchanan had invited a potential new member to our meeting, but the individual has decided not to join at this time.. All members were requested to consider possible candidates for the Commission.

Planning for Town Trail map

Wood again explained what was being done in Eastman and asked if it was a good idea if the effort should be expanded to Grantham. Given that the mechanism was in place to do so, it was agreed that the Commission proceed with this effort. To accomplish the task the roads and trails of town outside of Eastman would have to be GPS mapped with the info in suitable format sent to the UVLSRPC. A revised list of trails within Grantham including Eastman was prepared and shared by all members. Wood suggested that Amber Boland of the UVLSRPC be queried about GIS trail information that she might already have as a guide to our effort.

ADJOURNMENT

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Hocker asked if there was any further business. There being none, Buchanan moved to adjourn the meeting and Nagy seconded the motion.

The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Grantham Conservation Commission will be held at 7:00p.m. in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room on Monday, November 16, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Hocker, Chair