

MEETING MINUTES

ALBANY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 5th, 6:00 pm

Members present: Rob Nadler, Jack Rose, Cort Hansen, Paul Brown Peter Carboni, Dick Van Dyne, alternate. Public: Olof Ekbergh.

Rob called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Olaf Ekberg representing the MWV Radio Control Club was invited to attend the meeting in order to share with the club the agricultural plan for the fields and outline the commission's expectation for use of the field. The increased size of the field was questioned and the explanation given was the due to the height of weeds last fall the club brush mowed the perimeter of their landing field. Rob indicated that communication with between the club and the commission was important prior to any changes and he listed the important points of concern including liability insurance, the use of organic fertilizer and pest controls, gate access, and written permission of the commission prior to any construction of fences, structure or signage. The institution of a fee for lease of the field was discussed with the figure of \$400/year subject to road maintenance or in-kind payments possible in place of fees. Olaf indicated that he could likely find volunteers for work sessions. He also mentioned that he would like to see the Hubbard name maintained for the club landing field due to the historical relationship.

Rob asked if there were any comments regarding the minutes of the 4/7/15 meeting. With no comments, Jack made a motion to approve the minutes of the 4/7/15 Conservation Commission meeting. The motion was seconded, a vote was taken and the minutes were approved 5-0.

Rob and Cort updated the members on the status of burning the field in partnership with the USFS, NH DRED and the Conway Village FD. Rob noted that a burn plan has been prepared by the John Neely of the USFS and they are enthusiastic about burning the field, however due to schedule conflicts with CVFD and the active fire season the burn may not occur this spring leaving the option of burning next fall or in spring 2016 a possibility. Rob noted that he and Cort had worked one morning the prior weekend cutting brush along the ditch line splitting the field.

Jack handed out a draft farm agreement that he had been working on for member comments at the next meeting in June. He said he will communicate with Betsy McNaughten from NHFG with any questions regarding the draft agreement.

Rob told the commission that he and Cort had recently met with the new USFS Saco District Ranger Jim Innis, regarding the construction of a new access road. Innis has sent a letter indicating that the USFS is reversing their promise to assist in construction of the road and he has involved Forest Supervisor Tom Wagner in this decision. Jack suggested meeting with Curtis Coleman to calculate the cost of construction in order to have more information before any follow-up discussion with the USFS on this matter.

Dick noted that there were no entries in the bird house competition. Dick himself has built 8 houses which he has provided to Rob and Cort for them to locate this spring.

Rob noted that we should have Kathy Vizard invoice Dow for the field lease at \$40/acre.

Cort also noted that he had a recent email response from Stuart Bragg indicating that they had made other plans for the wedding in August and they would not require use of the field.

A work session is planned for Friday 5/8 at 1:00 pm for further brush cutting in the field.

Cort inquired if we cannot have a map available for downloading off the Town web page. He also indicated that commission minutes were not being posted to the town web page since the first of the year. Rob said he should meet with Kathy Vizard in order to have her train him on how to up load files to the web site.

Rob asked Peter if he had been formally appointed to the commission as the planning board representative. Peter indicated that he had been appointed.

With no other topics to address, Jack moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Cort Hansen, Conservation Commission Secretary.