Plainfield Conservation Commission

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Minutes from November 9, 2006

Members in Attendance: Eric Brann, David Grobe, Jeff Marsh, Jim Taylor, Gordon Wilder

Others in Attendance: Steve Halleran, Town Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

The minutes from October 12, 2006, were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Loomis donation

With much discussion concerning the use of the Loomis property, the Commission members were disappointed to learn that the general public could lose the right to use the property for recreational purposes in the near or distant future. A motion was made and seconded that we do not donate any money to buy the development rights on this property. The motion was unanimously approved by those voting in attendance.

B. Wetland setback zoning ordinance

The Commission is anxiously awaiting a final draft from the Planning Board.

C. Boundary marking project

This seems to be an ongoing project. No activity this past month.

D. Trail/footbridge easement on KUA land adjacent to Plainfield School

Town Administrator, Steve Halleran, was kind to be at the Commission Meeting to explain the liability issue with the trail and footbridge leading from the Plainfield School. The liability does not fall onto any members of any Town Board. If there were a liability issue, it would become a Town of Plainfield issue. The Commission was very appreciative of the Selectboard's oversight to include the trail network on French's Ledges along with the footbridge with the easement from KUA for our future generations. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Selectboard's recommendation for the responsibility of the bridge and trail system to be under the authority of the Conservation Commission.

E. LCIP easement monitoring update, schedule walk at Morgan Hill

Scheduled walk for December 9, 2006. Chairman Grobe will send a notice of time and meeting place.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Committee Reports
 - 1. Wetland Permit applications No applications
 - 2. Intent to Cut Notices No applications
- B. Annual budget request

It was voted to increase the annual budget request to \$2,600 per year to help defray costs such as youth camp, KUA bridge and trail system, conservation awards, etc.

C. Annual Report - to be worked on

D. Plainfield/Enfield boundary perambulated, Steve Halleran suggests Lebanon boundary needs doing, to be coordinated in the future.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Home Hill Trail

A letter will be sent to the Selectboard suggesting that the trailhead and parking lot layout on Route 12A be finalized between the Town and the landowner (Brad Atwater) so the public could begin to use this system.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Wilder