

Plainfield Conservation Commission

Minutes from September 14, 2006

Attendance: Margaret Gibson, David Grobe, Jeff Marsh, Judy Ptak, and Gordon Wilder.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05; minutes from the June 11 and July 13 meetings were accepted.

Old Business:

I CC Bylaws:

Chairman, David Grobe, suggested we should try to write Bylaws to help us run our meetings. Mr. Wilder offered having a work session at his house during the winter months to work on the Bylaws.

II Report on the status of the maintenance project at VHMP:

Misters Gordon and Mark Wilder, Grobe, Halleran, and the head of the Highway department met at the site to check damage and proposal of parking lot. Highway Dept. will dump extra fill in order to extend and even off one area for parking. The ruts to the side of the field created in May have been smoothed out by Mr. Wilder and the Hewes family. Summer weather conditions prevented the HD from delivering fill. The repair to the sign was suggested as a good scout project or community service project with children from the elementary school.

III CC Minutes:

In the future, once the CC minutes are approved they will be put on the town web page.

IV Select Board's letter regarding the trail/ footbridge project:

It was decided to suggest the Select Board clarify the second paragraph, word it as they had in the first paragraph, that 'rights not obligation to maintain bridge' be written in the statement. Mr. Grobe will take care of this.

V Nature Conservancy Request:

The NC is interested in purchasing a plot of land around Loomis Rd in Meriden. This property will border land they also want to protect in Lebanon. This area has richer soil thus producing different vegetation than we normally see in NH. The rock is different too, not granite. A motion was made to support this venture by donating \$5000. An open meeting for the town to vote on this will occur at the beginning of our next meeting in October.

New Business

I Intent to cut permits: reviewed.

II Wetland Permit: reviewed.

III Trails:

A. The work done at the Farnum Lot and Moulton trail by John Taylor of the UVLT is greatly appreciated.

B. The PCC supports the sharing of our trail maps with the multi-town trail map project.

IV **Meadowsend Timber** notification of road work on Morgan Hill conservation easement.

V **Overlook access area across from Burnap's Island:**

Mr. Halleran requested the CC to consider "maintaining a river overlook/access area" on River Road across from Burnap's Island. There were people "squatting" by the river this summer. It was thought if the CC cleaned up and maintained this area it could be used by towns' people. The CC did not see any advantage to doing this, as it is private property with no easement being offered and there is no place to park.

Other Business

At the June 8th CC meeting, Mr. Wilder presented the names of two new people who had expressed interest to him of becoming members of the CC: Christie Danen and Dan LaPan.

Mr. Grobe submitted their names to the S.B in June. Has there been any response regarding them? Mr. Grobe showed a letter from the S B that they would consider all applicants to the CC as they saw a need in the future.

Mail

Mail was informally reviewed: Workshops and requests for donations.

Minutes submitted by Margaret Gibson