

Town of Farmington
Conservation Commission Public Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Commission Members Present:

Laura Bogardus, Chairman
Patience Taylor, Secretary
Dave Connolly, Selectmen's Rep.
Bill Fisher
Michelle Elbert

Commission Members Absent:

Randy Orvis, Vice Chairman
Richard Ballou
Tom Sorensen

1). Call to Order:

Chairman Bogardus called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2). Pledge of Allegiance:

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3). Non-Public Session:

Motion: (Connolly, second Fisher) to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (c)
Reputation passed 5-0 by a roll call vote (Bogardus, Taylor, Connolly, Fisher, Elbert- yes) at 6:05 p.m.

Motion: (Connolly, second Fisher) to come out of non-public session passed 5-0 at 6:45 p.m.

Motion: (Connolly, second Elbert) to seal the minutes until the matter is resolved passed 5-0.

Chairman Bogardus reconvened the public portion of the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Motion: (Connolly, second Fisher) to take a 10 minute recess passed 5-0 at 6:45 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

4). Public Comment: None

5). Review of Minutes:

April 11, 2018 – No errors or omissions

Motion: (Connolly, second Taylor) to approve the minutes as written passed 4-0-1 (Elbert abstained).

6). Review of French Property Site Walk Minutes:

April 14, 2018- No errors or omissions

Motion: (Fisher, second Connolly) to accept the minutes as written;

Discussion: Mr. Connolly asked if Mr. Yurick provided a quote for the work discussed in the minutes.

Ms. Bogardus said that Mr. Yurick provided price quotes that will be discussed later in the

meeting.

Vote: The motion passed 3-0-2 (Elbert, Connolly abstained).

7). French Property Walk with Barry Keith:

Mr. Fisher said the walk took place on great day and commented on the abundant wildlife in the area.

Mr. Connolly asked about traversing the terrain there.

Mr. Fisher said the walking was not too difficult but there a couple of bridges that were a little hard to step up onto and the group discussed adding rocks and steps to make the transition from the ground to the bridge a little easier. There were some very rocky spots and a lot of uneven ground but he said he did not think it would be a problem for the average person to walk the trail there.

8). Vegetable Gardening Forum:

Ms. Bogardus reported that Roz Mason was the speaker for the forum and that only a few people showed up for the presentation. She said the presentation included information on raised garden beds and handicapped accessible gardening and was very informative.

Mr. Connolly agreed and said it was unfortunate that more of the public didn't take advantage of it.

9). Spring Cleanup:

Mr. Connolly joked that the trash pickup took place on a beautiful sunny day. He said 18 volunteers came out to assist with the cleanup and Meetinghouse Hill Road, Cocheco Road and Paulson Road were cleaned of 1,160 pounds of trash.

Ms. Bogardus asked how that amount compared to the amount of trash picked up during the fall cleanup.

Mr. Connolly said the spring cleanup volunteers collected more than the fall crew who brought in about 600 pounds of trash to the Transfer Station.

Mr. Fisher said that he and Ms. Taylor also picked up trash in the Town Forest parking lot that day.

Mr. Connolly said some residents conducted a trash pickup of their own on the originally scheduled cleanup day the previous weekend resulting in 15 bags of trash from the Bay Road-Holly Lane area. He said the original idea was due to one resident's request about what could be done about the town being a mess 6 years ago and thanked "Abby" for being the spark that started the annual cleanup events.

Ms. Bogardus said considering the rain that day it was a good turnout of volunteers.

Mr. Connolly suggested they consider sending personal written invitations to the business owners in town to get them and their employees involved in the next cleanup.

Mrs. Elbert said that the residents that live on the other side of Route 11 don't always know

what is going on in town and suggested they try to reach out to those residents.

Mr. Connolly noted that 100 people come out for the cleanup in Milton to walk up and down their streets collecting trash.

Mrs. Elbert also suggested that the cleanups not be scheduled on the same weekend as any big Boy Scout event and they may be available to assist with the trash pickup.

Mr. Connolly thanked the 18 volunteers, the Farmington Police Dept. for the use of the Community Room in the Public Safety Building (and to Chief Drury for making good coffee) and to Farmington House of Pizza, Crowley's Variety and Mr. Fisher for the refreshments.

10). McCarthy Trail Pump House:

Ms. Bogardus said that Mr. Sorensen reported that he has obtained some pricing information for the painting project at the pump house but it has been tabled due to the lack of time remaining for student participation this school year.

Consensus of the members was to table the matter until Mr. Sorensen is available to report his findings.

11). Old Business:

McCarthy Trail Dedication- Mr. Connolly said that the Dedication and Grand Opening of the trail is scheduled for Sunday, June 10 at 1 p.m. He said he made flyers for the event and sent them to the Selectmen's Secretary for copying. The invitation list includes all Town staff and board/committee members, the 500 Boys and Girls Club, the Goodwin Library, Farmington Country Club and family and friends of Mr. McCarthy. He said the family is very grateful for recognizing and remembering Mr. McCarthy in this manner.

Mr. Connolly said after the dedication attendees can walk the approx. 1 mile looped trail.

He said that Home Depot is still working on the character cutouts of the 3 Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood for stations along the trail but he has decided not to wait on them any longer to dedicate and open the trail.

He said Mr. Fisher has the bench and the dedication plaque. Winnisquam Wood Products has donated a granite slab which will be used for the bench seat, Charlie King donated the wood for base of the bench and it was constructed by Mr. Fisher he said.

Mr. Connolly said he would take care of advertising the event for the commission.

12). New Business:

Conservation Talk—Chairman Bogardus said she spoke with Barbara Richter from the NH Assoc. of Conservation Commissions and she has agreed to make a presentation on Conservation Commissions on Wednesday, June 6 at 6 p.m. . She said a location for the talk has not been chosen and asked for suggestions on where to hold the talk and how to get more people to attend.

Members suggested asking Moose Mountain Regional Greenways to co-sponsor the meeting

and ask them to reach outside of town to advertise through their members, to advertise the event on websites, Face book pages, at local businesses and venues outside of town. Available locations include the Public Safety Building, the library, the Friends of Farmington and the Rec. Dept.

Mrs. Elbert and Mr. Fisher said the library could be made available that night and they will assist with advertising for the discussion if it is held there.

Motion: (Connolly, second Bogardus) to request that the meeting be held at the Goodwin Library passed unanimously.

Ms. Bogardus said the session is expected to take about an hour with about one-half hour for the presentation and one-half hour for a question and answer period.

Mr. Fisher will provide the refreshments.

BH Keith Invoice – Chairman Bogardus said an invoice was received from Mr. Keith for his attendance at the March meeting and the site walks of the French, Dubois and Town Forest properties for a total of \$855.

Motion: (Connolly, second Elbert) to pay the invoice to BH Keith for the amount specified passed 5-0.

Price Quotes- Mr. Yurick gave the commission price quotes for the following items:

Fertilizing and liming of the Town Forest log landing -not to exceed \$150

Motion: (Connolly, second Taylor) to move forward with the fertilizing and liming of the Town Forest log landing not to exceed \$150 passed 5-0.

Fertilizing and liming of the Dubois property 1 acre log landing- not to exceed \$1,300

Motion: (Connolly, second Taylor) not to exceed \$1,300 to lime and fertilize the Dubois log landing as specified in Mr. Yurick's quote and as per the property manager's recommendations passed 5-0.

Brush hogging of the French lot for \$300 after July 1 – tabled until the next meeting to allow the Chairman to contact Mr. Yurick to find out how much of the lot would be brush hogged.

French lot bridge repair- labor and materials to reset both 16' bridges and extend one of the bridges by 6' in length to make it 22' overall at a total cost not to exceed \$640.

Motion: (Connolly, second Fisher) not to exceed \$640 to do the bridge repair as needed passed 5-0.

13). FYI:

Notices of Intent to Cut Received- Meetinghouse Hill Road, start date April 30; 309 Ten Rod Road, 1.5 acres cut, start date April 30 and Route 11, Map R64, Lots 11 & 12, 10 acres cut, start date May 10.

14). June Dates:

Conservation Talk: June 6 at 6 p.m.

Next Con Com Meeting: June 13 at 6 p.m.

15). Adjournment:

Motion: (Elbert, second Taylor) to close the meeting passed unanimously at 7:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted

Kathleen Magoon

Recording Secretary

Laura Bogardus, Chairman