

ACC Minutes

August 28, 2016, Amherst Town Hall

Called to order by Chairman Daryl D'Angelo at 7:03 p.m.

Attendance: Rich Hart, Rob Clemens, Daryl D'Angelo, Lee Gilman, Vic Bennison, Bruce Beckley-Alt., Frank Montesanto-Alt.

Chair D'Angelo asked Bruce Beckley to vote for John Harvey and Frank Montesanto to vote for Wes Robertson

Plans & Permits: Tom Carr from Meridian Land Services presented information in support of Richard and Ann Boyd's Shoreland Permit application for an addition to their home located at 9 N. Jessup Road, abutting Baboosic Lake. The ACC reviewed the submitted plans and discussed the potential impacts with Mr. Carr. Lee Gilman moved and Bruce Beckley seconded to support the permit application. The motion was approved unanimously and a report of ACC support will be provided to Rich Hart on the Planning Board.

Minutes: Rob Clemens moved and Vic Bennison seconded that the draft minutes for the August 10 ACC meeting be accepted as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning Board Update: Rich reported that the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) would be meeting on August 30 to decide on the Labelle zoning adjustment request.

Lindabury Orchard Working Group: Rich reported that the Working Group had met on August 28 and will present recommendations at the October ACC monthly meeting. The Cider Fest has been scheduled for October 2.

Meadows, Forest and Invasives: Lee reviewed the most recent (and final) stumpage report for the Haseltine forest. A check for \$5,223.76 was received on August 6. Lee will check on whether the ACC/Town should be paying the timber tax. Also:

- Forest management plans are being updated for Grater Woods and Woolsey parcels.
- Lee proposed that silviculture practices be considered to be added to the forest management plans and funded through timber harvests.
- Lindabury (upper orchard) requires some additional poison ivy control in advance of the Cider Fest
- Joppa Hill will be treated for invasives this fall
- The oak tree at Lindabury (lower orchard) was cleared
- Lee proposed an apportionment of previously approved funds for invasives suppression at Lindabury, Caesar's Brook, Lower Bragdon and Haseltine. Rob moved and Vic seconded that Lee's proposed apportionment be approved. Motion passed unanimously

Infrastructure Management: Frank Montesanto reported that:

- An inventory of available materials and trail infrastructure needs has been posted on the ACC Google drive
- The Lindabury sign needs to be re-erected before the Cider Fest and he will get a proposal to the ACC
- The Highland Bridge has been reconstructed
- The Arnold trail steps need to be rebuilt and a proposal for new steps will be prepared
- The new AHL kiosk roof needs to be completed. Rob moved and Vic seconded that up to \$125.00 be made available to complete the roofing of the kiosk at the Austin Road landing. The motion passed unanimously.
- The metal posts at the Boston Post Road canoe port need to be cut down. Frank agreed to take care of it.

Trails/Properties: Wes was absent so the AHL site walk results will be discussed at the next meeting. Regarding the naming of the new Austin Road trail, Lee moved and Bruce seconded that the trail be named the Cricket Hill trail and that the forest be named the Betty Arnold Forest. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bruce reported that the parking area at the Smith property trailhead would be completed soon with donated labor and materials. Vic moved and Frank seconded that the Smith parcel be renamed Converse Woods. Bruce distributed maps showing the new trail alignments in Converse Woods and a copy of an article to be published in the Citizen describing the new Converse Woods conservation area.

Bruce also circulated a copy of a Grater Woods-Pond Parish Conservation Management Area (CMA) report to be reviewed and discussed at the next ACC meeting.

Policies and Procedures: Daryl circulated a draft Conditional User Permit (CUP) review process for ACC review.

Walk Books/Fundraising: Updating and reprinting the Walk Books as a means of future fundraising was discussed. There was some confusion and disagreement whether the Walk Books should be reprinted as hard copy for sale vs. being made available via the ACC website. To be discussed further.

Public Relations Proposal: Daryl noted concern for how the ACC is viewed by the town citizenry and proposed a "Pokemon Go"-type game to get more people out to our properties. Rob moved and Lee seconded that Daryl's proposal be supported by ACC funds with \$25/month for three months. The motion was approved with one abstention.

Souhegan Community Service Project: Daryl asked for ideas for the Souhegan High Community Service projects. Lee will arrange for picking up rocks at Upper Bragdon on Sept. 16

Tree Removal Request: The owners of 71 Broadway have requested permission to remove and trim trees on the Gault conservation land abutting their property. Lee agreed to assess the tree condition and threat to the property in order to determine the next steps regarding potential tree removal.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Clemens