

ACC Feb. 10, 2016 - Minutes

Meeting called to order by Chair John Harvey- 7:04

Attendance: John Harvey, Jack Gleason, Bruce Beckley, Rich Hart, Paul Indeglia, Rob Clemens, Wesley Robertson, Lee Gilman

Guest Will Ludt, Daryl D'Angelo, Matt Caron - Merrimack CC commissioner and SNH NEMBA Chair, Dan & Bri Mutz - Owners of Likin Bikin at Salzburg Square, Frank Montesanto, custom bike builder.

Minutes - Rob moved and Paul seconded that Anne's minutes from Jan. 13 be approved as sent – passed

Treasurer – Paul, As of Jan. 31, 2016:

1. Gift Account \$ 15,010.13
2. Town Budget Account \$ 2,626.50
3. Land Conservation Account \$342,674.66
4. An escrow check from Lowes is being held undeposited.
5. \$3,005 has been collected so far for the Bill Wichman Memorial Fund.

Our "Land Acquisition" account has now been renamed to the "Land Conservation" account.

Paul moved and Rob 2nd that money received in the name of the BWMF be given to the Selectmen and put into the Gift account earmarked for the rebuilding of the King Post Bridge on Joe English Ridge Trail – approved.

Planning board – Rich: A D&F/minimum Ag. impact wetlands permit application was presented by Sally Wilkins. This issue was tabled until next month to allow time for plan review and to schedule an onsite inspection.

Meadows - Jack: Joppa Hill South has four foot long invasive bittersweet shoots entangling parts of the meadow and more climbing up along some of its edges. An estimate to suppress encroachment is being sought

Topics:

- Guest Presentation: Trapping Practices and Regulations by Patrick Tate of NH Fish & Game. Town may impose restrictions on town owned lands. Historical trapping data is available upon request from Fish and Game by requesting the "NH Wildlife Harvest Summary". Request reports by species and town to get all available historical data.
- Freestyle Farm (Taylor/Hammond) Easement Update - Bruce. Reviewed draft of easement terms. Applies to east side of road only.
- Bicycle Trails - Wes explained how surrounding towns provide greater access to mountain biking terrain than the 5 trails currently listed in Amherst. Recommended that trails be accessible by default and listed to exclude access as needed. Recommended any regulations on usage restrictions be posted on the town web site and at the trail head. Presented rationale for adding access in Pond Parish/Grater Woods, Pulpit Brook, P-H Trail, Old Mail Road, Caesar's Brook, and Patch Hill, including connections

from PMEC to Mack Hill and Chestnut Hill. A subcommittee comprised of Wes, Paul, Jack, Daryl, Lee, and Frank (local bike shop owner) formed to draft changes in ordinance restricting access.

- Wes reported a private gate was found on town class 6 road.
- Kinder Morgan Pipeline Mitigation Options - Paul, Recommended an independent review of Kinder Morgan impact assessment and proposed a list of three potential mitigation projects. Paul moved and Wes 2nd that we submit our proposed project list in prioritized order: 1) Hazen, 2) Pennichuck, 3) Witches Brook.
- Hazen Marketing Campaign Strategy Report - General discussion. Send updates to Rob
- Kingpost bridge design - John, seeking design and estimates for replacement

Round Table

- Jack, Presented finding on coyote habits and hunting implications such as breeding impacts of disturbing alpha males and alpha females.
- Rich, discussed Lindabury orchard

Meeting adjourned about 11:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Gilman