

## ACC Jan. 13, 2016 - Minutes Approved

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

**Attendance:** John Harvey, Jack Gleason, Bruce Beckley, Rich Hart, Paul Indeglia, Rob Clemens, Alternates Anne Krantz – voting for Lee Gilman

Guest Will Ludt, Linda, Devine, Randy Chapman and others

Chairman's comments:

- The ACC budget for 2016 of \$14,000 was approved by the Selectmen
- Daryl D'Angelo – is returning as ACC Trail Steward Manager and has already recruited 5 new trail stewards. She hopes to schedule an Earth Day event
- The new Town web-site is up and running – it provides for editing by all town boards & commissions for timely updating
- The Hemlock seminar on 1/12 at PMEC presented by Jen Weimar DRED was a big success and well attended with folks coming from CT, MA & ME. Thanks to Wes and Anne for publicity

**Minutes** - Paul moved that Rob's minutes from Dec 9 be approved as sent – passed

**Treasurer** – Paul

#### Account Balances (as of 1/12/16)

Town Budget: \$ 2,626.50

Land Management: \$ 1,631.50

Meadow Maintenance \$ 250.00

Dues \$ 690.00

Postage \$ 100.00

Gift Account: \$ 12,068.59

Land Acquisition Account: \$ 342,668.84

#### Accounts Payable

Koch – Walter Jackson Bate Property \$ 373.75 (Town Budget – Land Management)

NH ACC Membership 2016 Annual Dues \$ 629.00 (Town Budget – Dues)

#### Accounts Receivable

Memorial Donations \$ 2,500.00 (Gift Account)

Lowe's Escrow Account \$ 101,956.65 (Land Acquisition Account) \$2,500 has been collected so far for the ACC Bill Wichman Memorial Gift. Paul moved and Rob 2<sup>nd</sup> that it be earmarked for the rebuilding of the King's Post Bridge on Joe English Ledge Trail – approved.

**Planning board – Rich:** approved many lot line adjustments and lot subdivisions: a large one is Map 19 Lot 11 (???) to be sub-divided into 9 lots. Land is very low and wet producing odd-shaped lots.

**Meadows - Jack:** He and Mike worked 5-6 hours on Upper Bragdon to clean up the stone wall. He will reinstall a broken gate. Next spring he wants to review on site with ACC the large 'islands' of trees & brush to determine what to do with them. Hopes to be able to mow up there by next summer.

**Guest Linda Devine owner of Lot 3-36-1**, represented by William Schultze.

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5-acre lot that has no access and was created when the state took land for the 101 bypass, located between the By-pass and Rt. 122. It is bordered by state land. She would like to donate it to ACC. Anne moved and Jack 2<sup>nd</sup> that ACC recommend to the Board of Selectmen that they accept the Linda Devine 5 acre land donation. Approved. See attached map.

**Lindabury Orchard** (purchased by ACC and private fundraising in 2003)– Friends of the Orchard (FOTO) Randy Chapman, Graham Hankey, Frank Montesanto presented a power point summary of recent activities and projects at the Orchard. Goals and objectives were reviewed; minimum impact to Town Budget, improve lower orchard, rehab the shed, revive orchard by replanting apple trees, deal with poison ivy & get under control. See attachment that includes budget estimates. Discussion - Original charter – what does it say? Needs to be revised. Many other issues and problems need to be resolved jointly by ACC & FOTO. Bruce asked if FOTO speaks with one voice and who is that? Rob asked if the Charter spells out responsibilities and specifies who does what? Randy explained that the organization is casual; that FOTO exists at the pleasure of ACC. It is a 501-C3 for fund raising purposes and manages its own account. Paul noted that ACC has completed its budget and it includes funds for management of invasives. . John suggested the next step is for FOTO to redraft the charter. Coordination both ways is a genuine need and John appointed Richard Hart as the ACC point of contact. Randy Chapman will be the FOTO point of contact.

Will Ludt commented that they did an outstanding job of stabilizing the failing shed at no cost to the town; new metal roof new sills, siding, door, etc. John thanks the Friends for their presentation.

**Taylor (Hammond) Easement – Bruce, John** Bruce explained that a meeting is to be scheduled in late Jan. to work out the easement language and resolve issues. ACC is to send two representatives – Paul volunteered to attend with Bruce. Others: Ariel Taylor, her lawyer George Griffin, Land Trust – George Bower, Atty. Tom Quinn and or Bill Drescher. Bruce noted that this will have to go to the Planning Board for the lot line changes for the new lots and the land swap. Ariel's lawyer will present the easement proposal to the Selectmen. This easement concept was first proposed to the ACC in November 2010 – see Nov. 14, 2010 minutes. It is for an easement on 180 acres of the former Hammond land for \$275,000. Discussion and questions about easement; what are restrictions if any for public use – in summer? Board members asked for the wording of the easement agreement – not presently available. Trail layout was vague, as was the sub-division of additional building lots. Is the easement on these lots? – Yes and on the Taylor lot, excluding the house. Included in the proposal is a land swap with some George Bower property. What about the equestrian use and equestrian trails in the easement????

**Kinder-Morgan Pipeline Update (Mitigations) – Paul**

Reported that K&M has not submitted to the NH Site Evaluation committee and they have 12 months to respond after getting the K & M application.

The wetland impact in Amherst as calculated by KM is .67 acres which is a basis of wetlands mitigation calculations. Paul met with representatives of CEI who are the Pennichuck consulting engineers who have done extensive wetlands reviews in Amherst. Based on previous studies they found 35 potential wetlands mitigation sites in Amherst, in the Pennichuck watershed.

Mitigation projects must be done by the time the permit is issued (???) Paul is proposing that the Town hire the consultant who can do both a wetlands assessment of the proposed route to check on the impacts, and for project identification. Paul moved that ACC recommend to the selectmen that they hire CEI to assess the wetlands route through Amherst – to be paid by the town. 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved unanimously.

**Bruce** mentioned that he is presenting his slide program to town organizations and groups in behalf ACC.

**Will** Ludt, announced that the Heritage Commission thru Freedom's Way organization is cosponsoring a snowshoe event with PMEC at the end of Jan.

Also mentioned that the article about the Wilkin's Family that appeared in the Forest Society magazine was in *Yankee Magazine*.

**John** Town Warrant Article – All (Non-Public discussion of the "sale or acquisition of land". 91-A: 3, II (d). <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/ras/html/VI/91-A/91-A-3.htm> )

At 9:10 Paul moved and Anne 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn to a non-public session to discuss land matters.

Approved. The session was adjourned at 9:55; Jack moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> to seal the minutes. Approved.

#### **Other business matters:**

Bruce moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, that \$1,300 be allocated from the Land Account for signage for the new X-county ski trails that Souhegan senior Jim Callahan is making under the supervision of the REC Dept and ACC. Discussion – Jack how many? About 25 with 2 road signs. Rob – why not Rec Dept? Bruce – they have already contributed lots toward this extensive project.

Vote; 6 Yes, 1 No.

**Warrant Article presentation** at deliberative session – John expects to be out of town so need to plan who will speak for ACC. To be figured out....

Round Table:

**John –**

- Sand for the sledding hill tunnel – a trail steward has volunteered to take on this important responsibility – thanks!!! ( Bill did this for years)
- Found a deer stand in Joe English that will be taken down.

**Rob** – commended the excellent Hemlock workshop and urged that we do more of this type educational outreach events. Following up on all he learned about the four pests attacking hemlocks, he inspected the trees at the /Fells and found nothing.

**Paul –**

- As of July ACC will have a professional meeting recorder  
To take advantage of better interest rates, Paul moved and Rob 2<sup>nd</sup> that ACC approve Paul transferring the funds in the Land Acquisition Account at NBT Bank to a savings account with a higher interest rate within NBT Bank. Approved 7-0.
- Suggested that ACC members should keep track of our volunteer hours; can be reported in our Annual Town Report and perhaps used as matching for grant proposals. Rob suggested he develop a means for ACC members to easily submit such info.

- Time to already think of budgeted needs for fiscal 18
- What happened to the Trapping and hunting presentation? Paul will contact Fish & Game.
- Paul expressed concern over the lack of communication and timeliness of discussion regarding some recent ACC efforts.

**Rich** – the Planning board has established a sub-committee to review 101 zoning that is presently by default being developed by 'Zoning by Variance. Are people other than PB members on this committee? Will they hold public information gathering meetings? Such as on a Sat with UNH Extension facilitator - Community Profiles concept???

Bruce moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Krantz, secretary