

**ACC Nov 9, 2014 - Minutes**  
**DRAFT**

**Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Jim Bowen at 7:10**

**Attendance:** Jim Bowen, Bill Wichman, Rich Hart, Jack Gleason, Anne Krantz, Bruce Beckley, Alternates: Lee Gilman, Rob Clemens, Guests: Will Ludt, AHC, Eric Bazil, 20 Simeon Wilson Rd., Tim Belcourt – 315-7925, t.belcourt@comcast.net

**Minutes** – approved as sent

**Treasurer – Bill**

Land Nov. – \$335,383.99 (Oct. - \$327,061.96) Increase from Land Use Tax  
Budget -- \$4052.34 remains (51%) Gift \$11864.30

**Planning Board – Rich**

1. Medical Center on Limbo Lane - Approved the requested adjustment to the plan so there is access to the rear of property if building expansion is ever desired.
2. Map 2, Lot 67 on 101 A - approved the conversion of a house to retail – stipulated a landscaping plan
3. Approved a complicated 4 lot lot line change on Merrimack side of Baboosic Lake, where some lots straddle the town line, in an attempt to line lots up with Town boundaries.

**Plans and Permits - Interdepartmental Review from Colleen**

Anne explained that there are two lot line proposals coming to the PB in Dec.;; The Steels at 10 Christian Hill Rd., and 14 & 18 Schoolhouse Rd. Neither create a new building lot. She will forward the email for comments to Colleen and PB

**Meadows - Jack**

Bragdon was mowed for the second time this season.

The beavers have foiled the Beaver Deceiver on the Joppa Hill Pond and are trying to build another dam under the bridge. Jack will try to remove the long sticks they have inserted under the bridge before winter and he will also contact skip Lyle the designer to figure out a long term plan. The water is already rising in the pond.

**Topics**

**Eric Bazil 20 Simeon Wilson Rd.** presented a plan for a lot line change between his house lot and ACC Sherburne Land in order that he can increase the width of his lot so his house will not be so close to the side lot line. His 5.14 acre lot 2-145-4 is peculiar because most of the land is across the Souhegan where it is land-locked and totally inaccessible to the owners except by boat. He would like to buy ½ acre of the adjacent 10 acre Sherburne lot. Bruce suggested a land swap instead of a sale – the land across the river for the ½ acre Sherburne land. Bill noted that the deed needs to be checked to see if any conservation restriction on that ACC property. Bruce moved that ACC recommend to the BOS a land swap of apportion of lot 2-145-4, the ACC Sherburne property next to 20 Simeon Wilson for the total portion of lot 4-62-7 that is across the Souhegan River, subject to the owner's confirmation. Bill 2<sup>nd</sup> Discussion – owner asked how to contact ACC – send a letter to the Chairman. Vote - Unanimously approved

**Zack Anton Eagle Project Proposal** – Boy Scout Troop 613 (cell 603 554-0959, zanton1001@Gmail.com)

*Expansion of the boardwalk at Great Meadow* - he would like to add five 8-foot sections at a right angle to the end of the existing board walk with an 8 x8' platform at the end and steps for a boat launch. His intent is for the Wilkins School children to be able to use it for environmental education. He calculates a cost of \$2,250 for materials and hope to raise \$3,500 for the complete project. Comments and questions – discussed the depth of the water – very shallow; about 3 feet; the direction of the steps, the problem with trash cans, and the need for DES permitting for new construction in a wetlands. Zach plans to work on the permitting over the winter. The need for sturdy railings was emphasized. Guest Will Ludt speaking for Amherst citizens praised the concept and said it would be greatly appreciated. ACC members deemed it to be a good proposal. Rick Crocker is Zach's Scout mentor for the project.

**Guests** Linda and David Fraser - no comments

**Guest Tim Belcourt** came to discuss parking for the Joppa Hill property along the Class VI Old Mail Rd. and Horace Greeley after being told by abutters and the Amherst Police that he can't park there. The difficulties of the parking situation for this ACC property were discussed at length. Bruce volunteered to talk with the Police Chief to gain further information. Jim commented that this is a 2-rod roadway making it about 33 feet wide – wide enough to park along the side. All agreed that a long-term resolution is needed that provides safe parking to access the beautiful Joppa Hill open space.

**LCHIP** – Bruce – refiled the 13 page application for \$100,000 to help buy the \$293,000 easement – he had to adjust some of the calculations. The property is being reappraised.

### **Round Table**

**Rich** – He joined the new Amherst Recreation Director's regular Tues. AM hiking group and hiked Hammond Brook. The list of hikes is posted on the Rec. Dept. Web site.

**Lee** – attended the NHACC conference where he participated in several sessions regarding Invasives and Meadows – Amherst CC is doing a great job on both issues compared to other towns.

**Jim** – has beaver behind his house – busy cutting trees

### **Bill**

1. Neither he nor Jack can continue with the annual easement monitoring of the ACC LCHIP properties, although Bill will continue to submit the report. He will instruct a new person – Lee offered to do it this year.
2. Charlie Koch reported that the timber harvest on Arnold Haseltine Lorden is going very slowly – equipment problems – will last into winter.
3. Bill asked about attending the ACC meetings by Scype – should work, needs to get the password

**Lee** – explained the Emerald Ash borer has been found in Weare and now all of Hillsborough County is quarantined. Maybe ACC should consult with Charlie about culling all our ash trees

**Bruce** – noticed how escaped burning bushes turn the understory of forests red in Nov

**Guest Will Ludt** – asked if any ACC trails are designated 'No Hunting.' In compliance with Fish and Game Town Open space policies, ACC town owned lands are open to hunting according to the F&G state wide hunting zones (Amherst is in 2 different zones; north of 101 and south of 101;) each zone has specific regs. Jim pointed the no rifles are permitted anywhere in Amherst. Bruce noted that there

would be no way to enforce or monitor individual trails thus creating a more dangerous situation. Rob suggested ACC provide more education about ACC hunting policy.

**Rich** – heard that Lynx are increasing in NH

No other business,

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Krantz, secretary