

ACC Oct 12, 2014 - Minutes

Approved

Meeting called to order by Chair John Harvey at 7:03

Attendance: John Harvey, Jim Bowen, Bill Wichman, Rich Hart, Jack Gleason, Anne Krantz, Bruce Beckley, Alternates: Lee Gilman, Rob Clemens, Paul Indeglia, Guest Will Ludt

Chair comments – John asked members to consider new topics and initiatives that are not currently on our agendas

Minutes – approved as sent

Treasurer – Bill

Land	\$327,061.96	
Gift	11,822.20	
Budget	4,624.00	(we have spent 52% of this year's budget)

Rob asked for a clarification of the difference between the Gift and Land Funds – the Land Fund receives Current Use Change Tax \$\$\$ as well as significant donations and timber revenues, and is used to buy land or pay fees and costs related to land purchase. The Gift Account is gifts like the Ohlson Fund, Walk Book income, etc.

Planning board – Rich

1. Continued discussion and review of plans for the Larson house rebuilding project on Baboosic lake. They needed a Conditional Use Permit to do the razing. They will be making substantial improvement to the stormwater management on the lot, which lies totally within the Lake wetland buffer area. The Board considered means to inform the lakefront residents that their lots are in this water protection buffer area. Signs were suggested. Anne volunteered to work with Rich to investigate this idea.
2. Merrimack Rd and Smith Lane - 30 unit elderly housing project was denied because of non-compliance with Amherst Zoning net-tract area calculation – they included the wetlands in their buildable net tract area which is not allowed.
3. The Board is preparing Warrant Articles for March town Meeting

Plans and Permits – Jim

1. Map 2, Lot 67 on 101 A – existing house to be converted to retail, new parking lot and sign; John suggested adding a row of trees along the highway.
2. Consolidation of lot line on Baboosic Lake shore at Merrimack border – no ACC issues
3. Medical Center on Limbo lane. Approved by BP, now want a revision for parking space adjustment and an indication for a 'future expansion.' John will find out more about what this means. Question about wetland mitigation – can the building be moved to avoid jutting into the wetland buffer?

Meadow Management Jack

Lee and Jack completed the invasives treatment on Bragdon including some extra treatment on Bragdon North. They also treated the bittersweet on the perimeter of Joppa. They are working on an Invasives Budget that will include a history of what has been done since 2008. John asked about the fertilizer budget also. Jack – Scott is self-sufficient, but Bragdon has poorer soils and may never reach that state. No ash or urea will be applied this year because the ph is OK.

Topics

Change ACC Meeting Day – John reported from the email survey that Dwight and Gary can't attend on the suggested day of the third Wed., when the room is available. All other members can. Bill said he

would hate to lose Dwight as our selectman Rep. Discussion. Bruce moved that ACC change its meeting day to the third Wed., at 7:00, Rob 2nd. No further discussion: Yes 7, No 0. Next meeting - Nov. 19th at 7:00 PM

Extending Road Salt Prohibition to more Amherst Roads

John received a call from a resident on the dirt Lynch Farm Rd. because DPW was applying calcium chloride. Discussion about the history of the few existing No salt roads. Anne was on the first Stormwater Committee along with Bill and she remembered developing a list of possible roads near wetlands that might be flat and straight enough to safely be NO salt roads. She will look into what is the present list No Salt roads. Lee mentioned that there is going to be a training program for small commercial plowing operations – he will send info. Jim mentioned the pre- storm sprayer that the town uses to spread a substance that causes the snow to melt as it falls on the bare pavement. John will follow-up with DPW and perhaps invite Bruce Berry to our Nov. meeting

Land Transactions – Bruce updated the Commission about on-going discussions

Round Table

Lee treated a wide path at Lindabury Orchard for poison ivy, also the corn crib property & stone wall

Anne – showed prickly Am chestnuts that she found near her house, but the squirrels got most

John – town attorney approved the Model Trail Agreement so it is final. He sent it to Sally Wilkins for permission to build trails on the various Wilkins property in Town.

He asked if any had checked the new trail layout at Caesar's Brook – no one yet but there is still time.

John reminded members that the NHACC meeting is Nov 1 if any member wants to attend. They sent a survey of interest in possible services that they might consider – ACC members offered comments.

Jim – the hunting signs are up – need one more on Grater Rd. While installing the sign at the B & M Trail head he was able to see and admire the beaver deceiver device – clever and working well.

Paul – reported that two weeks ago the EPA issued for MA a draft of new Stormwater Regulations that are much more detailed than present. The expectation is that the same will be issued for NH this winter.

He is meeting with Colleen on Thurs at 9:00 to discuss further – Bill and Anne will also attend.

He mentioned the DES Source Water grant program – too late for this year, but time to think about appropriate projects. The road salt / home well issue was mentioned.

Rich –ROST, the Regional Open Space Team meets the first Friday at the Milford Town Hall -is anyone from Amherst attending?

Bruce – asked about the trail proposal across the Merrimack Rd Cemetery property – John is investigating; the gas pipeline spur proposal from Hollis – no real info yet.

He reported that he began the work at the Canoe Port, and will resume soon.

He sees lots of use of the new Grater Rd Trail system. The road has been further improved – DPW spread about 6" more of material to the roadbed. Unfortunately vandals have beat up the maps with rocks.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Krantz, secretary