

**Town of Amherst
Conservation Commission Meeting
Sunday, Feb 19, 2017**

Attendance: D. D'Angelo, R. Clemens, W. Robertson, P. Lyon, J. Hardner-Alt (voting for J. Harvey), F. Montesanto-Alt (R. Hart), L. Gilman

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE

Minutes

-W. Robertson moved to approve minutes from Jan 25, 2017 with the following edit, and R. Clemens seconded.

-Change "Mount" to "Mont" Vernon

Finance Report

-Finance update was submitted to Chair by J. Harvey, and read by Chair to ACC. Report attached.

Planning Board Update

-None

TOPICS

WRMP/CUP – Clark Island Rd.

-Commissioners discussed with project proponents the design criteria for runoff management. ACC sees no serious objections. R. Clemens will submit a recommendation to Planning Board.

Land Committee

-Numerous town properties are listed as ACC-managed, but are not protected for conservation. ACC must evaluate these properties and determine which should be designated for conservation in their deeds.

-J. Hardner presented a draft conservation prioritization scheme from the Conservation Plan that is in development.

-Commissioners divided amongst themselves the lots and agreed to evaluate them according to the draft prioritization scheme. Written results will be reported back at next meeting, as well as feedback on the prioritization scheme.

MANAGEMENT AREAS

Meadows, Forests, Invasives

-Lee expressed concern about coordinating poison ivy removal at Lindabury Orchard.

-Charlie Koch (forester) will come to an upcoming meeting to discuss updating the Forest Management Plan.

Infrastructure

- F. Montesanto described next steps for planned bridge work at Joe English.
- F. Montesanto presented proposed design standards for kiosks. He moved that we accept the basic designs of the kiosks presented. L. Gilman seconded. All in favor.
- F. Montesanto will proceed in pricing out these kiosk designs.
- J. Hardner moved to authorize \$400 for trail signs for Haseltine. F. Montesanto seconded. All in favor.

Trails

- First Trail of the Month was conducted on Saturday and organizer, W. Robertson, stated that it was successful and well attended.
- W. Robertson proposed that ACC select a project worthy of an RTP grant, such as a "long trail" from Chestnut Hill to Joppa Hill. Discussion ensued but no vote was taken.

R. Clemens made a motion to move into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 2D. Seconded by F. Montesanto. Vote: W.Robertson-yes; F.Montesanto-yes; R.Clemens-yes; L.Gilman-yes; J.Hardner-yes.

Commission returned to public session after approximately 30 minutes.

J.Hardner moved to adjourn at 10:35 PM and R. Clemens seconded. Vote: All in favor.

ATTACHMENT A: Finance and Asset Manager Report

As of January 31, 2017

Treasury

- **Conservation Fund: \$507,312.31**
 - Deposit: Interest: \$172.29
 - >\$1500 obligated for Lindabury close-mowing *if needed*
 - >\$1200 obligated for appraisal of lot 6-20-2 (Dwight “Buck” Grader)
- **Town Budget FY17: \$1,096.03**
- **Gift: \$15,632.613**
 - Deposit: Interest: \$76.98

Contracts, Purchases & Long Term Agreements

- Lindabury Lower Hay Field contract to BOS for approval
- FYI: FOTO to provide \$1150 in partial payment for Scott Tiedemann’s final clearing of Lindabury Lower
- Lindabury Upper Park close-mowing agreement-in-principle with Selectman Brew
- Bragdon North & South Hay Fields contract in draft

Assets

- No transactions