

ACC Public Hearing

Monday, March 23, 2015, Amherst Town Hall

To consider the ACC recommendation to the BOS to purchase Lot 6-23 for about \$50,000.

Dwight Brew, Chair of the Board of Selectmen called their meeting to order at 6:03

He announced the first item on the agenda was for the Conservation Commission to hold a Public Hearing to hear public comment for the proposed purchase of Lot 6-23, 2 Lynch Farm Rd. for about \$50,000. He then turned the meeting over to John Harvey, Chair of the Conservation Commission.

Attendance – John Harvey, Bruce Beckley, Anne Krantz, and alternates Lee Gilman voting for Bill Wichman, Paul Indeglia voting for Jim Bowen, and Rob Clemens voting for Rich Hart.

Mr. Harvey called the Commission to order, and opened the Public Hearing. He explained the specifics of the purchase: Lot 6-23 that abuts ACC Pond Parish Preserve on north and west sides is owned by the estate of Gloria Wheeler and consists of about 6 acres with significant wetlands. The sale price is \$70,000, but the town has liens on the property that total about \$20,000 that it will abate toward this purchase, to equal a cost to the Commission of about \$50,000. The owner will remove any hazardous materials, if found. The owner will remove all personal possessions prior to closing. The owner will pay closing costs. The deed will state that the land is to be managed for conservation purposes. Presently there is a small house and two sheds that are to be removed by the Commission.

Public comment:

Robin Nahill, 4 Lynch Farm Rd., abutter on Lot 6-22, expressed concern about hunting.

Presently the property is 'Posted.' She is concerned that hunters will in the future enter Pond Parish Preserve to hunt from Lynch Farm Rd. and follow the path the deer take that is close to her house. She asked if ACC restricts hunting on any of its properties and whether the access along the road could continue to be posted. Ans. – No Hunting on portions of Grater Woods.

(Addition from Bill Wichman - Woolsey property (both Amherst and Merrimack is posted)

Discussion – John said ACC would consider her request. Lee asked how much needs to be posted to achieve satisfy her concerns. Paul noted that since the signs are there already, no action would result in a continuation of existing policy.

No other public comment. Bruce moved to affirm ACC recommendation to purchase lot 6-23, Paul 2nd and motion passed unanimously.

Chair Harvey closed the Public Hearing & the ACC meeting.

The Selectmen discussed the purchase further – see Selectmen's minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Krantz, secretary

