**Amherst Conservation Commission**

Special Meeting, 2-2-2016, Town Hall, 3:00 PM

**Notes**

Attendance: John Harvey, Jack Gleason, Bruce Beckley, Rich Hart, Paul Indeglia, Rob Clemens, Alternates: Anne Krantz. Selectman Dwight Brew, Chris Wells, Piscataquog Land Conservancy

John called the meeting to order at 3:05

The purpose of the meeting - to review the proposal signed by the Hazen Brothers for the sale of three lots of forested land to the Town Conservation Commission: Lot 6/102, 4/119, 4/121 = 227 1/2 +- acres between County Rd and Spring Rd. The agreement provides that the town has until Dec 21, 2016 to raise the $1,000,000; no money down or partial payments, etc.

Rob asked about the appraisal that the ACC agreed to at their Dec meeting to pay ½ or $400. Chris said it was done and came in close to the town appraisal.

Mr. Well’s reviewed the negotiations since the public bidding event on Jan 18th and their research done on the land. The land is wet and partially on top of a high yield aquifer. The PLC has committed to raise $500,000 through grants and public fundraising. They will hold an easement on the property.

Dwight explained the Warrant Article process: the submitted article will be amended at the Town Deliberative Session on Wed 2-3-2016 to $450,000 – the Town’s portion.

 ACC will be responsible for the gap of $50,000 plus $60,000 in fees and transaction costs.

Anne Krantz, secretary