

South Berwick Conservation Commission

November 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Present: Pat Robinson, Dolores Leonard, John Klossner, and Maya Bogh

Absent: John Stirling

Next Meeting: December 15, 2009

Minutes: Lacked quorum, tabled for next meeting.

Mail: Robin Kerr request for \$4,250. Reviewed budget. Dolores made a motion to approve for \$4,000, seconded by Maya, approved. Request from eagle scout for donation. Seeking \$597. Dolores made a motion to approve for \$50, seconded by John, approved.

Ongoing business:

Town forest: Pat explained basics of management structure of town forest. A special account will be created with special restrictions based on sale of wood from forest. Group discussed related oversight by commission on other parcels. Discussed potential for developing process for forest management plans on town open space. Still on back burner. Walk through on Sunday, November 22 @ 1 pm. Presentation by eagle scout and John. All present plan to attend.

Open space planning: (Jodi) Next step is to designate sub-committee for open space planning. Brainstorm a list of people who would be good to contact, e.g, business owners, large land owners, rotary, planning board. Suggested names: Jack Karekas, Jen Houghton, Kelly Boland, Paul Hussey, Lucy or Jessie Aikman, Larry Fogarty, Brian from Real Estate guy, Dana from Nature's way, Flynn's, Wendy Pirsig or someone from the historical society. Mark Hunter. Pat will do a sort of tax maps. Berwick Academy, someone from school districts. Agreed that we will continue to noodle the list and suss people out... Sentinel, public notices, diner, Jason Klaffey south Berwick... dolores to get info notices out. Pat to send list of people who signed up.

South Berwick Gardening Club: Looking to complete educational signage and rain barrel by April or May. Maya to look into getting donated length of gutter; John K. to look into great works school class that would be interested in decorating the rain barrel; Dolores to look into Vermont rain barrels; Dolores to call Terry Oliver about installation.

New business

New FEMA maps: John. Sent emails to Roberta and John, have not heard. Roberta says John is in contact with FEMA. Once maps are established, town must take measures and home owner's insurance goes up.

GWRLT (Pat): Requesting that certain parcels of town-owned land in town property map no. 2 be turned into conservation land to complement a proposed GWRLT acquisition (lot 56) in create contiguous habitat. This will help them be competitive for a grant to acquire. Town lots question: 37, 39, 39A, 40, 50. Pat will make a map that identifies parcels and we will bring request to Council.

Strategic planning: Need to start with an inventory of what we have been doing so we can come up with goals and priorities for a simple strategic plan. Following inventory reflects activities....

Request from town council, planning board, great works regional land trust
Quamphegan
Annual report write up
Well water testing
Stormwater related issues
Earth day clean up
Open space planning
Garden club collaboration
Planning board interaction
Mt A Steering Committee
Voss Signs
Greening of Ogunquit
Town Forest
Town Owned lands management plans

Ongoing

Planning Board: John absent. Discussed potential for different folks to attend if John is not able to act as go between. Agreed we could rotate.

Hooper Brook Zoning Research Request/Shoreland (Pat): Letter submitted to council, which has sent information to state for review.

Mt A Steering committee representative (Pat): Joe Dallatore will not be able to serve as representative. Pat is investigating other possibilities. Potentially someone from the town. Giving ourselves until January to take it to the town council and suggesting someone from.