

**South Berwick Conservation Commission
March 31, 2010, Meeting Minutes**

Present: Pat Robinson, Dolores Leonard, John Klossner

Absent: Maya Bough, John Stirling

Guest: Mark Spezia

Next Meeting: April 28, 2010

Please note: February meeting was cancelled due to lack of attendance and therefore there are no minutes.

Approval of 1/28 Minutes: Pat made motion to approve, John K. seconded. Approved.

Meeting dates: Discussed moving the meeting from the last Wednesday of each month in Nov. & Dec. to avoid meeting the night before Thanksgiving or in the ramp up to Christmas. Looking at November 17 & December 15 and will confirm when we have full approval by all commission members.

Mail: Received reports and assessments from the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and the Piscataqua Regional Estuaries Project (PREP). Dolores to review PREP reports as a potential resource for Conservation Commission activities.

Budget related items

GWRLT membership: Pat made motion to approve \$100 request, John K. seconded. Approved.

Paint primer for demonstration rain barrel: Pat made motion to approve up to \$11, Dolores seconded. Approved.

Gutters for demonstration rain barrel: Pat moved to spend up to \$40 on gutters. John K. seconded. Approved.

Poster printing for spring events: Dolores made a motion to spend up to \$100 on posters. John K. seconded. So moved.

Rain Barrel & Invasive Species Demonstration Project at Post Office

Rain barrel painting: Central Paint of Dover will donate color and give us a discount on primer. Kristina Schultz is a Central School teacher who will buy paint and proceed with work with children on barrel last week of April.

Gutter & rain barrel installation: John K. will call Harvey in Portsmouth and see if they have remnants and inform John Demetracopoulos, who will look into other remnants and will purchase if necessary. Shooting for Len to install by first week of May.

Posters for Spring Events: Clarified dates for events: April 11 is Town Forest Hike with Rain

Date on April 18, April 24 is Earth day Clean up, and May 8 is well water testing kit drop off. John K. will pursue printing of 30, 8 & 1/2 by 11 copies each of posters for the Town Forest Hike, Earth Day Clean Up, and Well Water Testing posters with Digital Ink in Somersworth. Posters will feature original cartoons by John K. Goal is to get them to printer by Friday April 2. Pat to work on distribution this weekend and Dolores & Ruby to follow up if necessary next week.

Mt. A Steering Committee: Sharon Brassard will begin to send notes from meetings as updates to Commission. On June 12, they are doing a "sneak peak" at the peak for the new nature and education center at the lodge on June 12th and it was approved by town selectmen. No news on the trails grant but they are advertising for the trail crew and they are always looking for volunteers to work on the trails. The Friends of Mt Agamenticus have met 5 or 6 times and are working on the limited development of the lodge. Need to get her to come to a meeting after she gets a feeling for it.

Open Space Planning: Deferred discussion until next meeting. Will have advance conversation by email about messaging, setting a date, and invitation strategy.

Strategic Planning: Deferred until we have a full set of commissioners present.

Town Forest: John Spezia invited to discuss ideas about further management of the forest. Described how project was implemented and stayed to offer ideas to the commission as we discussed the development of recommendations for a special revenue account to be used for the stewardship and management of Town owned open, natural spaces. Brainstormed approach to developing a proposal to the Town Council at their April 27 meeting. Taskers before next meeting:

- John K. to gather data to inform proposal
- Dolores to consult with Vicki Stewart at Central School
- Pat to follow up Dave walker or Steve Shay about Boy Scout involvement in Town Forest (and Earth day Clean up)
- Dolores to type up concept and circulate it among commission
- Dolores to share concept with Wells Reserve

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