

South Berwick Conservation Commission

February 23, 2011 - Meeting Minutes

Present: Marilyn Ladner, Steve Bayse, Pat Robinson, and Smilie Rogers

Absent: John Klossner

Guest: None

Next Meeting: March 30, 2011

Minutes of January 26, 2011: Minutes were tabled for review and approval at the next meeting.

Mail:

Commission received invoice from the Town of York for the Town of South Berwick's portion of the Mount Agamenticus Conservation Coordinator position. Position is currently held by Robin Kerr. Invoice amount is for \$4,250. Pat reviewed that the budgeted amount for this is \$4,000 and she recommended we only approve that amount. Marilyn moved that we pay the budgeted amount of \$4,000. Smilie seconded the motion. All approved.

New Business:

Appointed Steve Bayse Conservation Commission Secretary.

Pat distributed the Conservation Commission Annual calendar for 2011.

On Going Business:

Open Space Planning: Jodi Costello will attend the next meeting, on March 30th, and review with the Commission the process of Open Space Planning.

Vaughan Woods: Pat briefly reviewed the wooly adelgid issue and proposals for control. She has contacted Park Manager Glenn Dochtermann and requested she be included on his email list for events concerning this problem.

Town Forest: Discussed the need for trail repair, trail marking/re-marking, and kiosk repair/replacement. John has been working with the Town Boy Scouts to recruit their assistance in these areas. Forester David Parker should also be involved as we plan and develop projects.

Pat reviewed with the Commission the idea of creating a "Friends of the Town Forest" group to encourage awareness and involvement of Town citizens.

Pat reviewed with the Commission the potential to develop education program/visits to the Forest (ie. tree identification, tree harvest, riparian zone, etc.). Pat will attempt to contact the appropriate

member(s) of the school Curriculum Committee to start the process of determining the level of interest in the Town Forest.

Smilie will develop and action list for the Town Forest, including the above related items.

Garden Club: Pat said that the sign for the garden by the post office is complete and ready to be installed in the spring.

Earth Day

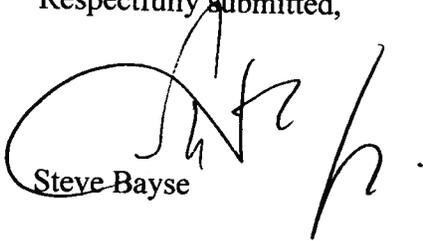
Discussed the opportunity for an Earth Day presentation/program to present in the to the schools on Earth Day, April 18th. Smiley will work to determine the School's interest in an Earth Day presentation.

Other

Marilyn reported on her attendance at the recent Maine Association of Conservation Commissions (MEACC) regional meeting that was held in Scarborough.

MEACC will be holding a vernal pool workshop April 23rd.

Respectfully submitted,


Steve Bayse