

South Berwick Conservation Commission Minutes

April 27, 2011

Called to order at 7:11 pm.

Present:

John Klossner
Marilyn Ladner
Pat Robinson
Smilie Rogers

Absent:

Steve Bayse

Guests:

None

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Review of Prior Minutes: No corrections. Marilyn motioned to accept the minutes; seconded by John. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mail: ~~Doug~~ John Carroll: New book solicitation "The Real Dirt".

Ongoing Business:

A. Town Forest

- Pat asked John to follow-up with scoutmaster regarding various Boy Scout projects.
- General discussion concerning expanding the "Friends of the Town Forest" concept to be "Friends of Town Recreation." Generally all were in favor.

B. Earth Day

- General discussion and review of Earth Day event at the transfer station on the following Saturday. Schedule to be followed: Marilyn will take 10 to 1; Pat will take 1 to 3:30 and Steve will take 3:30 to 6.
- Stickers are being printed.

C. Well water testing

- Schedule established for May 7. The following volunteers will be present at the town hall to accept well water kits from residents. Pat 9 to 10; John 10 to 11 and Smilie 11 through 12.

D. Budget

- A rough estimate of the current budget available is \$547.00.
- To review some past expenses:
 - Pat reimbursed herself for an expense totaling about \$49.00.
 - A donation was made to Robbie Hunley, a Boy Scout in the amount of \$27.00, in March.
 - An estimated \$88 will be expended on bumper stickers for the planned earth day event at the transfer station.

E. Beetles

- Gen. discussion regarding the need for beetles to combat the woolly adelged for Vaughn Woods State Park and surrounding area.
- Possible additional fund sources include:
 - The Vaughn fund; and
 - Money collected by the town from the Town Forest tree harvest.
- Approximately \$3,400 is needed.
- Pat will attend the next town Council meeting to request additional funds.
- A motion was made by Pat for the committee to donate \$338.10 ~~50~~ for the purchase of the needed beetles. Motion was seconded by John. All were in favor. Motion passed.

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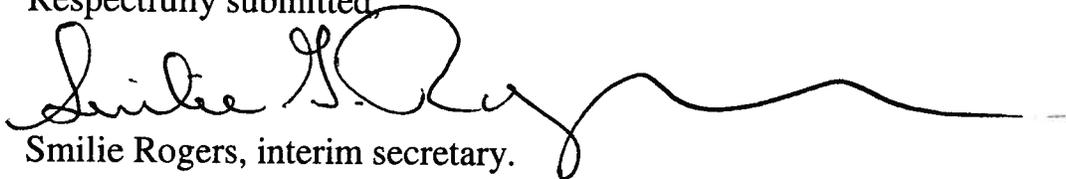
F. Open Space Planning

- Although some committee members, such as Marilyn and Pat, had reviewed other open space planning documents adopted by neighboring communities, as other committee members had not - the general consensus was that committee members needed to familiarize themselves with such open space planning documents in preparation for the next meeting in May.
- General discussion was had regarding how areas of concern might be identified and how such information might be effectively collected.
- General discussion was also had with respect to how our committee anticipated it might work with the larger community and other town offices or committees including but not limited to the planning board in establishing an open space plan.
- Pat identified the Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission's (SMRPC) website as a useful resource.

New Business:

None not discussed above.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Smilie Rogers", followed by a long horizontal wavy line extending to the right.

Smilie Rogers, interim secretary.

6/22/2011