

South Berwick Conservation Commission

June 26, 2013 - Meeting Minutes

Present: Steve Bayse, Pat Robinson, John Klossner and Marilyn Ladner

Absent: None

Guests: Karen Young -MTA2C Coordinator, Keith Fletcher – Great Works Regional Land Trust (GWRLT), Members of the South Berwick Open Space Committee: Audrey Fortier, Kelly Bolland, Karl Honkonen, Mimi Demers, Kate O'Brien and Perry Ellsworth –Town Manager (attended a portion of the meeting)

Next Meeting: July 24, 2013

Minutes of April 24, 2013: John made a motion to approve, Pat seconded. All approved.

Minutes of May 22, 2013: Marilyn made a motion to approve, Pat seconded. All approved.

Mail: None

New Business:

Keith Fletcher and Karen Young were invited to review with the Commission the potential for sale of Town owned lands. The members of the Open Space Committee were also invited to the meeting.

Keith Fletcher and Karen Young reviewed with the group approximately 470 acres of Town owned lands, some considered preserved permanently by past Town Council vote and some acquired through failure to pay property taxes. Some of the tax acquired properties have not been held long enough yet for the Town to be able to sell them. Keith had been approached by the Town Manager concerning the interest GWRLT may have in the purchase of some Town owned lands. Recent Articles of the Town Meeting have provided the opportunity for this discussion. Keith reviewed with the group the potential Town owned lands, as well as estimates of the cost of GWRLT to purchase parcels considering items such as surveying costs, price per acre, taxes, and maintenance.

Keith and Karen requested the assistance of the Commission and the Open Space Committee in identifying which Town owned lands may be of conservation and open space interest.

Town Manager Perry attended a portion of the meeting and answered several questions from the group in attendance related to the possibility of selling Town owned lands and the process.

On Going Business:

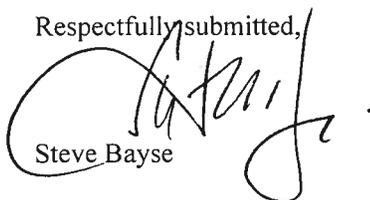
Town Forest:

Discussed need to schedule a work day. No date was set.

Quamphegan Article:

Pat noted that the Commission input for the Quamphegan would be due soon. Steve to draft and submit to Pat.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Bayse