

Meeting Minutes: 5/14/15 Draft

Present: Shawn Hanson Kay Graham, Dale Ohsberg, Paul Melanson, Robert Wiener

Absent: Nancy Roka (Vice Chair), Glenn Schrempf, David Gandt, JP Pontbriand

Opened meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve May minutes as amended.

1st: R. Wiener

2nd: K. Graham

Approved unanimously.

New Business:

The commission discussed a property located on Drinkwater road that the owners are exploring conservation options with the SELT (South East Land Trust). The commission discussed the advantages/drawbacks of a conservation easement vs. an outright purchase. The commission asked S.Hanson to reach out the SELT to gain more information about the property.

The commission discussed the conservation fund balance (344K) and how it is currently invested. The commission is interested in exploring alternative investment options for this fund, and will investigate the commission's options/restrictions in that regard.

P.Melanson Reviewed information he gained from a seminar he attended at UNH about Land Management of large parcels. P. Melanson is planning to host an information session at the Hampton Falls Free Library in July called: "How to develop a Land Management Plan". P. Melanson also asked if the conservation commission has a list of large land owners, or if there is specific information the commission would share with large land owners?

Old Business

S. Hanson will reach out to scout leaders to see when/if the green-head fly traps will be placed in the marsh areas.

S.Hanson will reach out to the Eagle Scout who was interested in creating "message boards" for the various conservation easement properties we have in town.

The commission discussed the weed-whacking work that has been done in the past at each of the parking lot areas for Raspberry Farm and the Marsh Lane property. S. Hanson will check with Town Administrator for an update on the new mowing contractor.

D. Ohsberg discussed an idea of placing signs on Stard Rd to prevent the littering issue that persist on that rd. He will send an example of his idea to the commission.

Meeting adjourned 7:42 pm

Next meeting: July 9th, 2015