

Meeting Minutes: 9/17/15 Draft

Present: Shawn Hanson, Glenn Schrempf, Dale Ohsberg, Nancy Roka (Vice Chair), Robert Wiener

Absent: Paul Melanson Guest: Ronald Klemarczyk from FORECO.

Opened meeting at 6:34p.m.

New Business:

Ron Klemarczyk from Forest Resource Consultants (FORECO) came to discuss his proposal to create a Forest Management Plan for the Raspberry Farm and Town Forest. The specifics of the proposal are attached to these minutes. The Forest Management Plan is required by the NRCS who holds a conservation easement on the Raspberry farm.

Motion: To hire FORECO to produce a Forest Management Plan for both the Raspberry Farm and Town Forest lot, for a fee to not exceed \$3200. D. Oshberg 1st N. Roka 2nd all in favor.

The commission discussed the request from South East Land Trust (SELT) to allocate \$3000 for the purpose of investigating a possible conservation easement of three separate properties in town. SELT has been approached by these landowners for the purpose of exploring an easement on their properties. Discussion of these properties, their importance, qualities and potential for an easement took place. The commission is interested in allocating up to \$3000 for the purpose of exploring easements but wanted to be sure another entity (land owner, SELT or other Town) would also commit funds for this exploration.

Motion: To allocate up to \$3000 to South East Land Trust (SELT) for the purpose of exploring a conservation easement on three properties it has identified as prime properties providing there is an equal amount allocated from another source. R. Weiner 1st K. Graham 2nd all in favor.

The commission reviewed its proposed budget for 2016, which is the same as its 2015 budget (\$7000 total). The commission will contact the Town Administrator with this information.

The commission received its annual fee for membership from the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC) for \$296.

Motion: To pay \$296 to the NHACC for our yearly membership. N. Roka 1st R. Weiner 2nd all in favor.

Old Business

Follow up with Eagle Scout Josh Hemond Chairman S. Hanson signed a letter discussing the specifics of the project and the commission's wish to move forward with the project. The details of the project and the letter are attached below. J. Hemond will present the project and this letter to his scout council for approval.

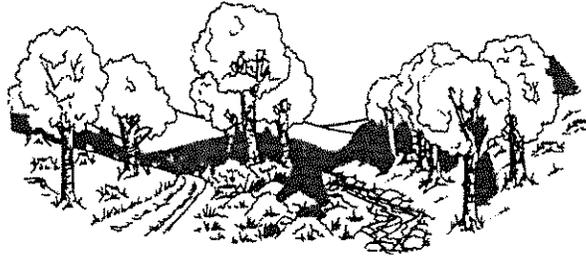
S. Hanson reviewed upcoming training sessions and other board communications with the commission. <http://www.nhacc.org/annualmeeting45/>

Meeting adjourned 7:47 pm motion: to adjourn N.Roka 1st R. Weiner 2nd all in favor.

Next meeting: October 8th, 2015

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September 17, 2015

Mr. Shawn Hanson
Hampton Falls Conservation Commission
1 Drinkwater Road
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Dear Mr. Hanson,

Thank you for asking FORECO to submit a proposal to develop a Forest Management Plan for the Raspberry Farm Town Forest and the adjoining Town Forest lot. As you know, the NRCS owns a Conservation Easement on the Raspberry Farm and the easement requires a Forest Management Plan before any harvesting can occur. Because the NRCS Management Plan standards require a large amount of information relating to the forest and that everything must be in an electronic format, including the Forest Inventory Map, those plans tend to be expensive. However, it would make sense to put both the Raspberry Farm and the original Town Forest lot in one Management Plan and on one map as they would be inventoried at the same time. Whereas both have been surveyed, the boundary information would be the basis for the forest type map.

The Raspberry farm would need an intensive timber cruise to get the information the NRCS needs. The cruise on the old Town Forest would be much lighter, but will take some time to go around and look at the areas on the northwest side of the wetland. There may be some cost share monies available for the Forest Management Plan, but a lot of the cost share monies could be used up in paying for the expense of applying for the cost-share monies unless the Conservation Commission wants to take on that role. Fortunately, we do not have to do an Environmental Evaluation (EE) of the lot.

Based on the NRCS Management Plans that I have done in the past, developing a plan for the Hampton Falls Town Forest would cost between \$ 2,900.00 to \$ 3,200.00. In addition to cost-share monies, the expense could eventually be recovered through the timber sale, especially if we could harvest part of the original Town Forest. The plan would follow the "Multiple Use" management philosophy where consideration is given to timber production, wildlife habitat improvement, recreation, education and watershed protection as was discussed when I met with the Commission last July.

In order to set up the timber sale for this winter, I will need to get moving on developing the Management Plan as the NRCS approval process can sometimes be a bit slow. I would also need to get permission from the abutter, John McInnis, to cross his property with a skidder trail to reach the original Town Forest in order to avoid impacting the Prime Wetland that runs between the Raspberry Farm and the original Town Forest.

I believe that I have covered the information that you requested, but if you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 746-4846. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Klemarczyk
Licensed Professional Forester #116

Hampton Falls Conservation Commission

September 17, 2015

Joshua Hemond
7 Oak Dr.
Hampton Falls NH 03844

Dear Joshua,

I am writing this letter to thank you for considering the Hampton Falls Conservation Commission as benefactor to your Eagle Scout project and to confirm the Commission's understanding of your proposed Eagle Scout service project. Based on your presentation, you will design, obtain materials and permits, build and install two kiosks at separate locations. One at the Raspberry farm, and one at Marsh Lane. The kiosks will look similar to the one shown below. They will be roughly 5 or 6 feet wide and 7 feet tall. They will be made from pressure treated wood and will have a green metal roof. The support posts will be buried in the ground but not cemented unless it is found to be necessary. The lumber material will be left natural, not painted. The material displayed on the kiosks will be provided by the conservation committee.

Site-work will include trimming back obstructing trees, bushes, and brush up to five feet from around the Marsh Lane kiosk. The project does not include changing, clearing, or maintaining trails.

You will raise the money required for the materials and any remaining funds at the conclusion of the project will be turned over to the conservation committee.

Sincerely,



Shawn Hanson

Chairperson of the Conservation Committee

1 Drinkwater Road

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