Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2019

Attendees: Todd Hathaway, Dan McCombs, Sandy Goodspeed, Scott Pim, Ben Bade, Liz Wilson
Absent:

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Depot Road Conditional Use Permit: Patrick Bogle, Jones & Beach

Mr. Bogle presented a conditional use permit proposal to allow a driveway and proposed new home which would encroach temporarily upon about 4400 sq. feet of wetlands buffer and about 2000 sq. feet permanently. After the presentation, Scott suggested further time to consider the proposal to allow research into the history of the lot/s to determine whether there is a hardship that could not have been known or avoided. The Members agreed to take up the issue again at the next meeting. The permit seekers were invited to submit whatever evidence they wish to assist the Members in learning more about the history of the lots and their conditions

Parenteau Parcel and Release of Town Ownership

David Tierney presented a proposal for the Town to issue a quitclaim as to a small piece of property abutting 72 Mill Street and 6 Banigan Court (Tax Map 23, Lot 1 and 2) which had been misidentified by survey and/or deed for many years as being in Town ownership, inconsistent with the Tax Map. The Members voted unanimously to advise the BOS that, based on the lack on any conservation interest or value, the ECC has no objection to the issuance of the quitclaim deed at issue. Todd will advise the Town Secretary.

John and Margaret Gabour Volunteers

Margaret Gabour was present and indicated that she and her husband John are new to town and would like to assist the ECC in some volunteer capacity. John expressed an interest in joining Commission, and Margaret expressed interest in other work, such a trail work or monitoring. John will come to the next meeting to meet the Members. Margaret will take a look at properties in Town that might be of particular interest to her to work on as a monitor or steward, or in some other capacity.

Folsom Warrant Article

The warrant article to transfer ownership the single lot in the middle of the property to the ECC was approved. There was a question about whether the "road" through the property is actually a Class VI road or not. The BOS and Town Counsel indicated we could not address the Class VI

road issue in our warrant article this year dealing with the separate issue of ownership to the single lot. We will address the road next year.

Low Park and Cate Street

The BOS approved ECC oversight of the Cate Street parcel. With respect to Low Park/31 Mast Rd parcel, Sandy had previously obtained a quote from the Town for about $14k for demolition work. The BOS declined to provide formal assurance that the ECC would be reimbursed for any funds expended on the demolition and other work at the parcel. The Members agreed that transfer of the parcel would be unlikely, but that this would be significant investment. We presently have about $70,000 total in funds available. The demolition work would essentially be the only work required to make the property usable as parking for Low Park, aside from picnic tables and signage that would be required anyway. The Members unanimously agreed to approve the funds to pay for the demolition work.

Hall Easement Memorandum of Understanding

Ben indicated that the Bilodeaus have agreed to sign the proposed M.O.U. regarding allowed uses at the property. They will sign the M.O.U. and leave it at Town Hall for Scott to countersign. They also asked about potentially closing Diamond Hill Rd. to motorized vehicles. Scott sharing his understanding that the Commission does not have control over Class VI roadways, and there may also be access issues for logging and other activities. It was suggested that the owners could try to work with SELT and other stakeholders in the area on a plan to present to the BOS regarding the road. Ben will work on language and a quote for signage, which we will have to pay for and install.

Fox Run Bridge

Sandy has not heard back from the Boy Scouts about potentially having a scout rebuild the bridge. She will follow-up.

School Projects

Liz picked-up the trout eggs for the fish release in June. Liz will once again do a water quality presentation as part of the project. Liz and Ms. Bates are planning to meet to discuss the details 5th grade field trip to Fox Run.

Minutes

The Members agreed unanimously to approve the December meeting minutes (Ben and Liz abstained).

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John Bennett Resignation

John has resigned effective January 1, 2019. Todd will investigate options for a plaque for Members who have stepped down. Dan will communicate with John on transferring over password and other IT information.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 12, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,
Todd Hathaway, Secretary

Minutes Approved:

3/12/19		3.12.19	
Scott Pim, Chair	Date	Todd Hathaway	Date
3.12.19			
Sandy Goodspeed	Date	Liz Wilson	Date
		2019-3-12	
Ben Bade	Date	Dan McCombs	Date