

*Final Minutes*  
*Approved as Amended March 12, 2013*

## **Exeter Conservation Commission**

**February 12, 2013**

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Russell Kaphan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Nowak Room in the Exeter Town Office building. Members present were: Peter Richardson, Mike Field, Cynthia Field, Virginia Raub, Don Clement, BOS Representative and Kristen Murphy, Town Natural Resource Planner. Alyson Eberhardt arrived at 7:35 p.m. Carlos Guindon arrived at 7:30 p.m.

There was no public comment.

### **Action Items**

**1. Minimum Impact Dredge & Fill Application** for construction of a commercial structure at 146 Portsmouth Ave (Tax Map 51 Lot 1) for Rollinsford Associates involving 616 square feet of wetland impact – Mike Donahue (Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella) Brendan Quigley (Gove Engineering Services)

Mike Donahue gave the historical background of the property. Brendan Quigley reviewed the plans for construction to impact the 616 square feet of wetlands. There was discussion of a gravel grading retention wall (gravel wetland) with plantings of naturally occurring vegetation to mitigate impact. There was also discussion of a proposed trail. Don Clement discussed that this is an example of a green infrastructure which has a lot of good attributes and may even enhance the area. There will be further work on the plan to reduce erosion of the proposed trail by improper drainage.

The group recommended that Kristen bring up the following items at the Technical Review Committee: 1) Use a more naturalized planting near the retaining wall because the chainlink fence identified for that area will prevent them from being able to mow that area, 2) some method for addressing the potential drainage from the abutter from causing erosion of the proposed trail, 3) obtaining more details on the design of the trail bed.

A motion was made by Don Clement and seconded by Ginny Raub to send a letter to DES Wetlands that the Conservation Commission is not opposed to this particular wetlands fill plan provided that the storm water is to be treated by the gravel wetland. Motion carried – all in favor.

### **2. Deliberative Session Update**

Ginny Raub said things went well at the deliberative session on Article 27 – Raynes Property Barn Roof Replacement. Kristen Murphy and Ginny Raub have been working together on a press release to encourage the voters to pass this article.

### **3. Request for Trail Sign Funds**

Kristen Murphy advised the members that Jay Carmody, an Eagle Scout candidate, has created a kiosk type 11" x 17" map for the McDonnell property, and would like to request that the Commission cover the cost of one of the signs in the amount of \$95. The sign was passed around for all to see.

A motion was made by Peter Richardson and seconded by Carlos Guindon to cover the cost of \$95 for one of the signs. Motion carried – all in favor.

#### **4. Request for Monitoring Supplies**

Kristen Murphy advised the Committee that there was essentially no flagging left, and was very low on aluminum nails.

A motion was made by Ginny Raub and seconded by Don Clement to authorize Kristen Murphy to spend up to \$100 on boundary marking materials. Motion carried – all in favor.

Kristen Murphy advised the Committee that there are trail maintenance matters that need to be dealt with:

- a. Plank replacement of \$50 on the BLT Trail
- b. Repairs on the Hot Dog Trail not to exceed \$300

Kristen Murphy requested a fund of \$300 to be used for emergency/safety repairs that come up between meetings.

A motion was made by Peter Richardson and seconded by Ginny Raub to authorize Kristen Murphy to spend up to \$350 on current need repairs to the BLT and Hot Dog Trails, and for a \$300 emergency maintenance fund. Motion carried – all in favor.

#### **Regular Business**

##### **1. Treasurer's Report**

Virginia Raub reported that the balance in the accounts is of \$37,969.61. This includes just over \$2,000 which are restricted to either land acquisition or trail work based on the conditions placed at the time of donation, and \$9,200 which is restricted for use at Raynes Farm. She also reviewed the expenditures for the 2012 fiscal year.

##### **2. Approval of Minutes: January 8, 2013**

A motion was made by Carlos Guindon and seconded by Mike Field to accept the minutes from the meeting of January 8, 2013 as presented. Motion carried – all in favor.

##### **3. Natural Resources Planner's Reports and Correspondence**

Kristen Murphy discussed Peter Waltz's seedling project for Arbor Day with the 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the Exeter schools. Mr. Walt is purchasing 3 year old saplings for the project.

A motion was made by Ginny Raub and seconded by Alyson Eberhardt cover the cost of the seedlings for a cost of \$217. Motion carried – all in favor.

##### **4. Other Business**

Peter Richardson complimented Kristen Murphy on her work done of the Morrissette Property.

##### **5. Next Meeting - Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

A motion was made by Peter Richardson and seconded by Don Clement to adjourn the public meeting and go to a work session at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried – all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Greene  
Recording Secretary