

Approved with corrections at May 13, 2014 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Nowak Room of the Exeter Town Offices. Members present were: Jay Gregoire, Maggie Matick, Cynthia Field, Mike Field, Russell Kaphan (chair), Alyson Eberhardt, Peter Richardson, Virginia Raub, and Don Clement (Selectman's Rep).

Public Comment: None

Regular Business:

1. Orienteering Event, June 15th

Event Organizer, Deb Humiston discussed her application for an orienteering event to be held June 15th, 2014 in Oaklands and Henderson Swasey Town Forest. It is an event for all ages. Participants will be given a map to practice orienteering skills in the forest. The event application was mailed to Kristen Murphy, Town Natural Resource Planner. Ms. Humiston expected around 30 people to participate in the event. Promotional details would be sent to Ms. Murphy.

Ms. Raub made a motion to approve the Orienteering Day application, second by Ms. Matick VOTE: Unanimous.

2. Felder Kuehl Properties Conservation Easement Amendment to incorporate Tax Map 54 Lot 2, Industrial Rd parcel, with existing Easement on Tax Map 55 Lot 75-1, Epping Rd parcel.

Bob Felder principal of Kuehl Properties brought documentation for his plans on the above properties. He had property on the industrial park attached to the Meeting Place projects. Mr. Felder was in the process for finalizing a deed with a zoning change from industrial to residential. Parts of the trails in conservation land were rough cut by Mr. Felder and also tied into the Town Forest. The trails were open to non powered vehicles. Ms. Raub asked if the lot line will be removed and Mr. Felder answered the lot line will be removed with the new deed. The land was part of land for the Meeting Place Project. Mr. Kaphan asked if increasing the amount of open land allow for additional buildings. Mr. Felder said that yes they would be going from 122 units to about 144 units. Mr. Kaphan asked if there will be additional footprint to the land and Mr. Felder said they will be building only on the existing footprint. Mr. Richardson asked who would maintain the trail system. Mr. Felder said on the agreement Mr. Felder is responsible to maintain the trails with the condo association but Mr. Felder added he hoped the ECC would want to help. Fifty six percent of the lot was conservation land that was open to the public accessible from Epping Rd, off road parking to be on Industrial Drive or the public access roads from the development and a possible access from Sig Saur. Mr. Felder suggested a motion to finalize documentation. ***Mr. Richardson made a motion to finalize the documentation for the Conservation Easement Amendment to incorporate Tax Map 54 Lot 2, with existing Easement on Tax Map 55 Lot 75-1. Second by Mr. Field. VOTE: Unanimous***

Mr. Felder commented on three ideas he had for the trails and asked for feed back on them. One was to construct exercise structures along the trail. The second was to create a

space for community gardens and then to ask the commercial/retail businesses to sponsor the exercise stations. Mr. Felder did not expect any construction done to trails until building three was completed on the properties. Mr. Felder also wished to put carved wooden signs on the trails. Ms. Eberhardt suggested not using pressure treated wood but climate resistant wood. Mr. Felder said there are greener pressure treated wood available. Mr. Felder also wished to see ADA accessible trails.

3. Eagle Scout Project Ideas

Ms. Raub said she was working with a family in Brentwood that had constructed ADA trails and would be walking the trails when the weather got better. Mr. Gregoire said the Trails Committee is also working on ADA trails and would come back with ideas. Mr. Clement suggested Brickyard Pond as an Eagle Scout project. He also mentioned that there could be more kiosks on some trailheads. Mr. Gregoire suggested Little River and Mr. Kaphan agreed that the Little River area needs some work. Mr. Clement said the McDonell and Perry pieces had possibility. Mr. Richardson said the northern boundary needed some pruning, a 2-3 day project. Mr. Clement suggested by the river a place to have a picnic with a view of the river and a kiosk with description.

4. Committee Reports

Mr. Field from the Boundary Committee said he and Ms. Field attended the Saving Special Places conference. A work shop on using technology to survey land with tablets and Android devices was one possibility. An application called GPS Pro could be used to walk trails while recording GPS points. Ms. Field said Ms Murphy suggested a Field Monitoring week. Ms. Eberhardt commented on a program she used called Survey GPS with similar uses that cost \$2.00 and data could be emailed. Mr. Gregoire said he had an Ipad the ECC could test the applications on before purchase of a device. Jay Gregoire from Trails committee reached out to Bob Kelly and Jim Clark for trail work priorities, costs for maintenance and new interns for trails work. Ms. Raub suggested posting trails for mud season. Mr. Gregoire said he was unaware of the trails committee doing that in the past. It was agreed that it was time to post trails for mud season.

Mr. Richardson moved to authorize the posting of trails for bicycle and wheeled vehicles until further notice and Ms. Murphy will be responsible to decide the end date, second by Ms. Raub. VOTE: Unanimous

Ms. Raub for the Outreach Committee said they had a final meeting for the green infrastructure project at Brickyard Pond. UNH released data from the analysis of the pond. The sensor was put back into the pond with a procedure to sample and send data to UNH for more analysis. Mr. Richardson said they would keep the ball rolling to keep homeowners involved as part of the long term project. Ms. Raub said there were spikes and dips in the data and there should be a log for different events that may happen around the pond. Mr. Clement said Ms. Murphy could go to pond and download data. A schedule for downloading data and collecting water samples should be set. Mr. Richardson commented a community volunteer could get involved with similar projects such as keeping a diary. Ms. Eberhardt said she would be interested in the project.

5. Approval of Minutes: March 11,2014

With corrections made Ms. Field moved to approve the minutes for March 11, 2014 second by Mr. Field.

6. Treasurers Report

Ms. Raub said the town operating budget did pass. She went over items approved such as \$22,000 approved for roof repair. The Finance Dept. added employer payroll taxes that did not appear in the budget. To date \$ 875.86 was expended. Funds available were \$32,649.09. A full report can be found on file.

7. Expenditure Requests

Ms. Raub read through approved expenditures. Ms. Murphy (not present) had requested approval for the following expenditures: \$100 –SELT, \$40 Climate Summit Registration, and \$180 Saving Special Places Registration. ***Ms. Eberhardt motioned to approve the above expenditures, second by Mr. Gregoire. VOTE: Unanimous***

8. Natural Resource Planner's Report and Correspondence

Ms. Murphy was not present at the meeting but Mr. Clement reminded members whose membership was expire to decide if they wished to renew their membership. Mr. Kaphan announced he would be stepping down as chairman. Mr. Gregoire expressed interest in the position. Mr. Clement included an email from Ms. Murphy to approve an additional expenditure of \$200 towards the purchase of rain barrels to offset the costs at River Woods. Mr. Richardson requested to postpone a vote until further details could be included.

9. Other Business

The second All Boards meeting is set for May 21 Time/Place TBA. Ms. Raub suggested looking at the minutes from the previous All Boards meeting to get an idea for the next meeting. Mr. Kaphan thanked Mr. Clement for his service on the ECC board as Selectman's Representative. A new representative has been assigned to the ECC. Alyson Eberhardt excused herself from the meeting. Mr. Gregoire asked for trail comments. Ms. Raub asked if he or any members had seen rails placed on the trails this winter for fat tire bikes; they had not. Mr. Richardson announced Earth Day was on April 22, 2014 and Rivers Day would be coming up.

10. Next Meeting

The next ECC meeting will be held on May 13, 2014 in the Nowak room of the Exeter Town offices at 7pm.

Ms. Raub moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Field. The meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Sarah McGraw
Recording secretary