

Exeter Conservation Commission
November 13th, 2018
Wheelwright Room
Final Minutes

Call To Order

1. Introduction of Members Present

Present at tonight's meeting were Bill Campbell, Carlos Guindon, Ginny Raub, Alyson Eberhardt, Sally Ward, Trevor Mattera, Todd Piskovitz, Dave Short, and Kristen Murphy.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this meeting.

Action items

1. End of Year Expenses

- a. Consideration of Raynes Farm Conservation Fund Contribution, contingent on LCHIP Grant Acceptance.

Mr. Campbell said that in their LCHIP grant application, they had promised that if they were awarded the grant for Raynes Farm, they would pay \$2,000 from the Conservation Fund - not from their regular budget - as a contribution to this project. If they get the grant, there will be a warrant article to cover the town's contribution. Ms. Murphy said that contributing from the Conservation Fund shows that the Commission is serious about stewardship there. Also, in the past, when there has been a warrant article originating with the Conservation Commission, the Budget Recommendations Committee has asked them to provide a contribution. Mr. Campbell asked for a motion to approve the expenditure of \$2,000 from the Conservation Fund, contingent upon getting the LCHIP grant.

MOTION: Ms. Raub so moved, and Ms. Eberhardt seconded. All were in favor.

Ms. Murphy said the amount remaining in the Conservation Commission's town budget is \$2,925, mostly because they didn't hire interns this year.

b. StoryWalk expenditures

Ms. Raub said she had paid for the following expenses in advance of the cancelled Story Walk: lamination of story book pages, paper goods, little old lady wigs, and the book, for a total of \$73.72. Ms. Murphy said this would come out of Community Services.

MOTION: Ms. Eberhardt moved to approve the expenditure of \$73.72. Mr. Guindon seconded. All were in favor.

c. No Hunting Signs and Garrison Lane and Morrissette Mini-Kiosk Signs

Mr. Campbell said that they would need to purchase "No Hunting" signs. These are not generic signs, they are custom signs which specify that they're from the Conservation Commission. Ms. Murphy said if they wanted to get 100 signs, it would be \$740, or they could get 50 for \$572. Mr. Campbell said that those numbers include the other signs, and corrected that it would be \$515 for 100 signs or \$347.50 for 50 signs. They wouldn't put up all 100 signs

this year, but they could save them for the future. Mr. Campbell asked Ms. Murphy to round it up to \$750.

Ms. Murphy said that interns had posted these around the Henderson-Swasey Town Forest and the Swasey parcel. They're larger signs, 8 ½ x 11. The town ordinances list the properties where hunting is permitted; in order to officially prohibit hunting somewhere, you have to post it in accordance with state Fish and Game requirements. They have been posting these signs so they are visible every fifty feet, although they're more than fifty feet apart. Mr. Short said he thought that was overkill; they should focus on the ingress and egress points instead. Ms. Murphy said they'd had a problem with that at the Henderson-Swasey Town Forest because a hunter had come up along an alternate access point that was not signed. Mr. Short volunteered to put up some signs.

Mr. Campbell said they also need money for the Morrissette Mini-Kiosk trailhead signs reviewed at the last meeting. Ms. Murphy said these would be \$225 for printing the two signs.

Ms. Murphy said that the total for the two sets of signs would be \$750, and it would come out of Conservation Land Administration.

MOTION: Mr. Piskovitz moved to approve the expenditure of \$750. Mr. Short seconded. All were in favor.

Ms. Murphy raised the issue of dues for the Exeter-Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee. The Commission had voted to send them \$100 for dues, and keep \$50 aside in the event that it needed to go to the Lamprey River Advisory Committee. Ms. Murphy asked if that \$50 could go to ERLAC, because they sent in a bill for \$200. Mr. Piskovitz said that the Lamprey River Advisory Committee told him they could not accept the \$50.

MOTION: Ms. Eberhardt moved to send ERLAC the \$50. Ms. Raub seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Piskovitz mentioned that he'd heard good feedback on Mr. Thunberg's signs in the town forest, although he did hear that one person thought they were lost because they'd never seen a sign there before. Mr. Campbell said after they put the signs up, they had someone get lost in the forest, so Chief Comeau asked to have a meeting on signage, blazing, and trails on private property. Ms. Murphy said there's no paint blaze that takes you from the parking lot to any main route. They can't recommend blazing on private land, but Chief Comeau wanted the side trails blazed. The meeting with Chief Comeau is at 8:30 on Monday, November 19th. Mr. Campbell will bring any recommendations back to the commission, and he added that Mr. Thunberg is willing to make more signs over the winter.

2. Approval of Minutes: October 9th Meeting

MOTION: Ms. Ward moved to approve the minutes of October 9th, 2018 as written. Mr. Piskovitz seconded. All were in favor.

3. Other Business

Mr. Campbell said that each of them took an oath of allegiance to monitor a piece of property, and suggested that they go this week. He asked that they please wear orange because of hunting season.

Ms. Ward asked if they have an updated list of membership and contact information. Mr. Campbell said that Lucretia Ganley and Andy Weeks will be joining them after the Select Board appointments tonight, so now they will have a full commission. Ms. Murphy said she will bring the revised bylaws to the next meeting.

Ms. Raub asked for a report on the disc golf event, and Ms. Murphy said it poured Friday. Ms. Raub went out on Saturday and it poured, and the wind was crazy, but people did golf. Several members were there on Sunday, and there was steady stream of people. The town brought in around \$675 plus a \$250 sponsorship from Sea Dog. Mr. Campbell said that there were seventy participants, some of whom were very serious.

Mr. Campbell mentioned that he, Ms. Murphy, and Mr. Guindon went to the annual meeting of the NHACC; Mr. Mattera was also there. They went to different sessions, and Ms. Murphy presented a session.

4. Next Meeting: Date Scheduled (12/11/18), Submission Deadline (11/30/18)

Work Session

At 7:25 the CC closed the meeting and exited to a work session for a presentation on [the Coastal Conservation Plan update](#).

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanna Bartell
Recording Secretary