Town of Randolph

Conservation Commission Minutes of Sept 14, 2016 DRAFT

Members Present: Bruce Kirmmse (Chairman), Roberta Arbree, and Jim Hunt

Members Excused: Walter Graff, Guy Stever and Gary Newfield

Others present: John Scarinza, Edith Tucker

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Chairman Kirmmse

Roberta moved that the minutes from August 25th be approved. Jim seconded and the motion passed.

Bruce reviewed recent developments in regard to the possible purchase of an 82 acre parcel on the North side of Durand Rd owned by Chris Hawkins. The land has a steep slope and the RMC's Lookout Ledge and Notchway trails cross it. The northern boundry borders the Randolph Community Forest. It has Tree Farm status and an updated Forest Management Plan.

A purchase price of \$85,000 had been verbally established. At the August 25th meeting a motion was made for the RCC to sign a Purchase & Sale agreement at that price. Subsequent events changed the situation and the property is now listed for sale with the Peter Powell Real Estate Agency.

Jim made a **motion** to negotiate a Purchase & Sale agreement with Chris Hawkins thru the Peter Powell Agency. Roberta seconded and the motion passed.

Bruce then brought up the Beringer Conservation Easement. Marie Beringer is working to put part of her land, Map R10-Lot 11, under a Conservation Easement. The survey of the lot and area for the CE is not completed but some maps were presented showing the area of the CE. It is very approximately 8-9 acres that border the Randolph Community Forest at the rear of the lot. The RCC will hold the easement and the RCF will monitor it. John pointed out that this will not be a first. The RCC already holds an easement given by the Hortons on land protecting Carlton Brook and the Diagonal Trail. Book 0933,Page 0405,Plan1444 at the Registry of Deeds.

Jim made a **motion** to accept the Beringer Conservation Easement. Roberta seconded and the motion passed. Bruce will send Marie Beringer a letter of thanks.

Jim reminded us that the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions will be held on Saturday. November 12th.

Our regularly scheduled meeting is the 2^{nd} Thursday of the month. If it needs to be changed Michelle Lutz would prefer a Tuesday.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 by general consent.

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Arbree