

Town of Randolph
Conservation Commission
Minutes of January 12, 2017

Members Present: Bruce Kirmmse (Chairman), Roberta Arbree, Jim Hunt, Guy Stever and Lauren Bradley (Selectmen's Rep)

Members Excused: Walter Graff

Members Absent: Gary Newfield

Others present: John Scarinza

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

Minutes of October 13, 2016 - Roberta requested the minutes be corrected to read as follows: *Elise Lawson had provided maps identifying wetlands around the Moose River that need to be classified. #1 is on property owned by Samarjit Shankar who is looking forward to having it classified. Roberta, Bruce & Elise met and identified Numbers 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 & 9. Numbers 1, 2 & 5 will be left until spring. Number 5 contains several properties owned by the Cutter Family members. One member suggested the RCC get written permission for on-site visits. Roberta will send letters with maps showing the wetlands and requesting permission from the #5 property owners. Number 7 is visible from the highway. Number 6 is the Ravine House site and Numbers 3 & 4 are along the Rail Trail. On a motion from Jim with a second from Guy, all members voted to approve the minutes as amended.*

John Scarinza informed the board that the Forest Commission has been approached by the Brady Family who owns Six Gun City regarding property they own that fronts on Ingerson Road and is on both sides of Stag Hollow Brook. As they would like to see this acreage protected from future development, they would like to sell the property to the Town. The property is in two parcels (one approx. 50 Acre lot and one approx. 88 Acre lot). One of the properties was previously subdivided into 3 lots but can be reverted to one lot. This would cause a parcel owned by Mr Brooks to become in-holding. However they would have access from the Pond of Safety Road. The property has approximately 720 ft of frontage on Ingerson Road. There is money from private donations available to complete the purchase, so there would not be any Town cost. As the land is in Current Use, the taxes are minimal and could be paid out of the Town Forest Fund from timber sales. The Forest Commission is asking if the RCC would support this purchase. As purchase of property in other towns would require an article to be placed on the Town

Warrant, if the RCC supports this purchase, a Purchase & Sale Agreement will need to be completed with the condition that the warrant article be approved at meeting. Part of the property is open fields and is important wildlife habitat. On a motion from Guy with a second from Jim the board voted to 1) sign a purchase & sales agreement and 2) direct the appropriate authority to prepare an article to be on the warrant at Town Meeting.

Old Business –

- 1) The conservation easement on the Beringer property has been completed.
- 2) There is no new information on the Moose River Study.

Other Business –

- 1) Roberta attended the NHACC meeting where they discussed proposed statewide legislation for Wetlands Buffer Regulations. The board also discussed the invasive Japanese Knotweed and how to eradicate it. The only affective way to deal with the species is to apply massive doses of RoundUp. However, as this can drain into the watershed via the culverts, this is not the preferred method. Roberta wondered if the Town Forest Committee could use some of their training budget to ask someone to make a presentation to help educate the residents on this species. John Scarinza will ask the Forest Commission at their next meeting.
- 2) The Hawkins property has been sold to Dennis Pednault

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:40 by general consensus.

Respectfully submitted.

Michelle M Lutz