

MINUTES OF THE CENTER HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

The meeting convened at 10:05 am.

Attending were: Bruce Bond, Chairman; Karin Karagozian, Harry Viens, and JoAnn Wood, Secretary. Randy Mattson represented the Board of Selectmen.

Don Berry of Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT) and Roger LaRoche of Squam Lakes Conservation Society, joined the meeting at approximately 10:30.

I. The minutes of the January 12 meeting were read and approved without correction.

II. The Prime Wetlands Study and the Natural Resources Inventory. Rick van de Poll was unable to attend the meeting. However, the commission spent a few minutes reviewing:

A. The status of payments. Randy reconfirmed that she had authorized payment of his last invoice January 15.

B. Optimum procedures for dealing with outside vendors. The commissioners present agreed that, in future, all questions, comments, etc., be relayed to the chairman, who would then forward them on.

As an aside to the discussion of prime wetlands already under study, Bruce opined that he would love to move forward on the Snake River.

- The commission assumes that working up that parcel would not be costly as Rick has already prepared an NRI for New Hampton and is in the process of doing so for Center Harbor. Consequently,
- The commission discussed the feasibility of preparing the Snake River for Prime Wetland designation and then placing the project on the 2011 ballot.

III. Harry brought the commission up to date on

A. The Planning Board. At its Feb. 2 meeting, the PB approved all proposed boundary changes in the Dane Forest parcel

B. The Energy Committee. There was some discussion about the general carelessness of the report from the Jordan Institute. Harry and Randy conceded that

Jordan's proposal was considerably less expensive than other vendors' and that we get what we pay for. Nevertheless, there was a strong feeling that factual errors should be corrected before Jordan begins the work. As part of the project,

- The EC is completing application for approximately \$400,000 in grant money (and it appears that Center Harbor may have stolen a march on other area towns in this regard, which should bode well)
- The EC has decided against Jordan's proposed \$40,000 improvement of the library's air-filtration system as this does not fall into the area of energy improvement.

IV. The Dane Forest project. At this point, Don Berry and Roger LaRochelle joined the meeting to review

A. The PB-approved boundary line adjustments – i.e., as affecting

- The building lot fronting onto Center Harbor Neck Road
- The Halsey's driveway.

B. A draft of the legal document spelling out the specific benefits, obligations, and legal ramifications of the grantor (LRCT) and grantees (SLCS and The Town of Center Harbor). It was agreed that

- The town should seek its own legal representation as Doug Hill happens to be preparing the documentation for SLCS and LRCT
- The town's check for \$200,000 would most likely be made out to Escrow and deposited in the Meredith Village Bank
- The three selectmen plus Bruce Bond, representing the commission, would meet at the March 3 SB meeting to sign the document and have it notarized.

Finally, the commission discussed with Roger and Don the possibility of holding some sort of workshop with area towns on how the project, involving the town and SLCS and LRCT, came into being and how it progressed. All agreed that, while Roger and Don would happily participate, any such workshop should be organized and run by the commission.

And, with no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm. The next two meetings will take place **on the first Tuesday of the month.**

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Wood
Secretary

