

6/10/2015 Conservation Commission – Minutes

Attendees

Christine Davis
Angela Ficco
Emilee Kenyon
Imants Milles
Scott Ozechowski
Jeremy Rhodes
Frank Richardson
David Sharples
Dale Smith-Kenyon

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order by Frank Richardson

Old Business:

None Raised

New Business:

Election of Officers:

Proposed list as follows:

Chair: Frank Richardson
Vice-Chair: Imants Millers
Treasurer: Dale Smith-Kenyon
Secretary: Jeremy Rhodes

Motion to accept as proposed made by Angela Ficco, seconded by Frank Richardson

Motion carries.

New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC)

NHACC presented to commission at previous meeting; discussion of benefits and resources. Dale Smith-Kenyon moves to appropriate funds to join NHACC; Jeremy Rhodes seconds. Motion carries.

Mast Point Dam Project Update

David discusses required and approved work; we have received approval for the path and dock; plans filed for same. A failing culvert will need replacement on site at a cost of app. \$1K. We are approved for \$56K with a 28K match in kind. Archaeologist shovel test was contracted at \$2.8K, 6 tests performed by Victoria Bufer. No findings of

note, acceptance and clearance expected.

Serve with Liberty provided volunteers for 75 person-days, counting towards in-kind contribution as well as a \$2K cash contribution applied to Mast Pt Dam Fund. Volunteers cleared trails and built a bridge

Costs to date:

Archaeologist fees: \$2.8K

Materials for Serve with Liberty Bridge: \$1K

CMA (Plans/applications contract): TBD, \$10K Max

Sign Package: app. \$3K

Picnic Tables: app. \$1K

Path/Boat Launch: TBD, expected \$10K Max.

Only funding ask from Commission could arise from the Path/Boat Launch cost.

Possibility of inclusion of Pavilion as placed at Millenium Park; cost expected <\$14K.

Would potentially need Trash/Recycling Receptacles on site.

Imants Millers requested update on Maine-side participation in project; They proposed a boat launch app. 500 ft upriver of our intake. Somersworth representatives opposed, next public hearing 6/18. David provided information on a number of issues with the proposed project.

Sustainability

Status unknown; key participant has resigned due to relocation. No meetings planned, will be removed from future agendas, but will be explored for reinstatement.

PREP Grant

David raises the prospect of a prep grant request to fulfill Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) obligation of Commission. We currently lack an NRI, which is required by the state. PREP grant would provide up to \$7.2K, which would require \$5.4K In-Kind/1.8K match from city/commission. NRI would need to be city-wide; this grant would be expected to cover the cost of the NRI.

Imants moves to apply for grant to provide for NRI; Jeremy seconds. Motion carries.

Workshop Business

None Raised

Dale moves to adjourn, Imants seconds. Motion carries

Meeting Adjourned.