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Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
October 19, 2016
5:00 PM
Grange

Attendees; Holly Green, Acting Chair, Sachie Howard, Mark Mitch, Ross Bennet, Dave Woolpert, April Costa, Scott Osgood – Acting minute taker, Selectboard Member ex-officio

Guests: None

Regrets: None

7:10 pm meeting called to order

- I. REVIEW MINUTES - Discussion of the minutes was tabled to another meeting as a quorum of attendees was not present.
- II. MAIL – Mark reported there was no mail to discuss
- III. BUDGET - Holly received a copy of the current budget. She noted that expenses to date was not available. Scott noted that payments and budget updates are often reported at the beginning of the budget season,
 - a. The following items were discussed. Training budget is \$302. Lake Monitoring, minute taker. Holly agrees to contact Russ for the expenses to date,
 - b. The committee decided to request the same budget numbers as last year. Motion made by Sachie, seconded by David Woolpert to accept the 2015-16 budget values for 2017. By consensus.
 - c. Discussion held as to who would present budget. No decision made.
 - d. Discussed the public awareness line item. Discussion held as to what speakers could be retained, and what type of venue would be held. Considered finding literature that could be distributed. Considered organizing walks on land considered important to the conservation committee. A walk along the railroad right of way was discussed.
 - e. Sachie noted special attention should be given to a presentation for the 250th anniversary of the Town Charter.
- IV. Discussed LCHIP funding. Noted there is a very onerous application process. Noted the funds to conservation work needs to be determined.
- V. OTHER BUSINESS
 - a. Holly requested reimbursement for attending the NHACC conference. Moved by Sachie, 2nd by Mark, approved by consensus of the committee.
 - b. April requested reimbursement for the conference as well. Moved by Sachie, 2nd by David Woolpert, approved by consensus of the committee

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- c. Holly requested reimbursement for attendance at the NHMA conference and yearly dues paid. Sachie moved April seconded, approved by consensus. Holly also noted the Saving Special places in the Spring is a conference worth attending.
- d. Holly noted a number of minutes are not listed as approved. She to contact Cherry for a list of these minutes.
- e. Discussed grant possibilities including the ARM funds and EPA.
- f. It was noted information on Prime wetlands in the Town should be looked into.
- g. Noted the Picataqua Land Trust received grant funding of \$2 million for clean water activities.
- h. Mark noted the Natural Resource Inventory has been updated.
- i. Question was raised as to the Status of the Master Plan update. It was noted the Commission gave input on the update, but did not receive any feedback. Scott agreed to look into.
- j. Mark noted Gomez and Sullivan was offering interns to provide community service to the Town. Recommended asking for help with the Lake Monitoring.

VI. Motion to adjourn from Holly 2nd by Sachie. Meeting adjourned 8:12.